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LIST OF SYMBOLS, ACRONYMS, AND ABBREVIATIONS

AF	Air Force
AFB	Air Force Base
AFDD	Air Force Doctrine Document
AFSC	Air Force Space Command
AFSCN	Air Force Satellite Control Network
AOC	Air Operations Center
AOE	Combat Supply Ship
AOR	Area of Responsibility
APL	Applied Physics Laboratory
AQD	Additional Qualification Designator
ARPA	Advanced Research Projects Agency
ASN(RDA)	Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition
ATO	Air Tasking Order
C2	Command and Control
C3I	Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence
C4ISR	Command, Control, Communications, and Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance
CCDR	Component Commander
CDR	Commander
CDRJSO	Commander, Joint Space Operations
CENTCOM	Central Command
CFACC	Combined Forces Air Component Commander
CG	Guided Missile Cruiser
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CINC	Commander-in-Chief
CJCSI	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction

CMC	Commandant Marine Corps
CNO	Chief of Naval Operations
COA	Course of Action
COMAFFOR	Commander of Air Force Forces
COMM	Communications
CONOPS	Concept of Operation
CSG	Carrier Strike Group
CVN	Aircraft Carrier
DARPA	Defense Advanced research Projects Agency
DDG	Guided Missile Destroyer
DNRO	Director of the National Reconnaissance Office
DoD	Department of Defense
DODD	Department of Defense Directive
DOD SA	Department of Defense Space Architecture
DON	Department of the Navy
DSCS	Defense Satellite Communications System
DSP	Defense Support Program
DUSD Space	Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Space
EA	Executive Agent
EEHF	Enhanced Extremely High Frequency
EHF	Extremely High Frequency
EMI	Electro-Magnetic Interference
ESG	Expeditionary Strike Group
FEP	Extremely High Frequency Package
FFC	Fleet Forces Command
FLTSATCOM	Fleet Satellite Communications
FM	Field Manual
FY	Fiscal Year
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GBS	Global Broadcast Service
GEOSAT	Geodetic Satellite

GFO	Geodetic Satellite Follow-On
GIG	Global Information Grid
GPS	Global Positioning System
GWOT	Global War on Terrorism
HCRS	Human Capital Resource Strategy
HCS	Human Capital Strategy
IC	Intelligence Community
ICBM	Intercontinental Ballistic Missile
IKESG	USS EISENHOWER Strike Group
IO	Information Operations
IRBM	Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile
ISO	In Support Of
IT	Information Technology
JATO	Jet Assisted Take-Off
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
JFC	Joint Forces Commander
JFACC	Joint Forces Air Component Commander
JFCC	Joint Forces Component Commander
JFMCC	Joint Forces Maritime Component Commander
JOA	Joint Operations Area
JP	Joint Publication
JSMB	Joint Space Management Board
JSpOC	Joint Space Operations Center
JSTO	Joint Space Tasking Order
JTAGS	Joint Tactical Ground Station
JTF	Joint Task Force
JWS	Joint Warfighting Space
LEASAT	Leased Satellite
LOFTI	Low-Frequency Traps-Ionosphere
MDA	Maritime Domain Awareness
MHQ	Maritime Head Quarters

MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
MOC	Maritime Operations Center
MSEL	Master Scenario Event List
MUOS	Mobile User Objective System
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NAVCENT	Naval Central Command
NAVELEXSYSCOM	Navy Electronic Systems Command
NAVSOC	Naval Satellite Operations Center
NAVSPACECOM	Naval Space Command
NCC	Naval Component Commander
NCST	Navy Center for Space Technology
NETOPS	Network Operations
NETWARCOM	Naval Network Warfare Command
NGA	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
NIMS	Navy Ionospheric Monitoring System
NIOSC	Network, Information Operations, and Space Center
NMET	Naval Mission Essential Task
NNWC	Naval Network Warfare Command
NRL	Naval Research Laboratory
NRO	National Reconnaissance Office
NSCN	Naval Satellite Control Network
NSMS	National Strategy on Maritime Security
NSS	National Security Space
NSSI	National Security Space Institute
NSSAP	National Security Space Acquisition Policy
OLW	Operational-Level of War
ONR	Office of Naval Research
OPCON	Operational Control
OPNAV	Office of the Chief of Naval Operations

OPNAVINST	Office of the Chief of Naval Operations Instruction
OSD	Office of the Secretary of Defense
PDOP	Position Dilution of Precision
PEO	Program Executive Office
PMW-146	Communications Satellite Program Office
RAND (R&D)	Research and Development
RL	Restricted Line
SATCOM	Satellite Communications
SCA	Space Coordinating Authority
S/C	Space Craft
SCS	Space Communications Squadron
SECNAVINST	Secretary of the Navy Instruction
SED	Spacecraft Engineering Department
SEP	Space Effects Package
SGS	Space and Global Strike
SHF	Super High Frequency
SLEP	Service life Extension Program
SOC	Space Operations Center
SOLRAD	Solar Radiation
SOPS	Space Operations Squadron
SPAWAR	Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command
SPINS	Special Instructions
SSA	Space Situational Awareness
SSC	SPAWAR Systems Center
SSDD	Space Systems Development Department
SSFA	SPAWAR Space Field Activity
SSN	Fast Attack Submarine
STO	Space Tasking Order
SURCAL	Surveillance Calibration
SW	Space Wing

T&C	Telemetry and Command
TACAIR	Tactical Air Forces
TACON	Tactical Control
TCA	Transformational Communications Architecture
TENCAP	Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities
TFO	TRANSIT Follow-on
TLAM	Tomahawk Land Attack Missile
TLM	Telemetry
TT&C	Tracking, Telemetry and Command
TTP	Turnaround Training Plans
TYCOM	Type Commander
UCP	Unified Command Plan
UFO	Ultra High Frequency Follow-On
UHF	Ultra High Frequency
UNAAF	Unified Action Armed Forces
URL	Unrestricted Line
USSPACECOM	U.S. Space Command
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republic
USSTRATCOM	U.S. Strategic Command

I. HISTORY

Present day issues regarding national policy, doctrine and utilization of U.S. space assets have their roots in a complex history of inter-service competition and a half-century of rapidly changing global political environments. This chapter is intended to provide a historical perspective for subsequent commentary on resource utilization in the national space arena. U.S. Navy efforts in space date to the very earliest experimentation in the field, and the people and personalities involved are among the most influential in the world. Proud tradition, however, like royalty and empire, has a tendency to become exclusive, diseased and weakened. Apropos of the gradual collapse of the Roman Empire, the house of Navy Space has slid into disrepair from its heights in the 1940s and 1980s. Ahead remain decisions on the Navy's involvement in space, but in the past lies the following history:

A. THE BEGINNINGS OF PRACTICAL ROCKETRY

Space systems development in the U.S. prior to the end of World War II was largely conducted by the Army and Navy on an ad-hoc basis, with the personality and genius of specific luminaries providing the foundation and direction for the service programs. Practical work that led to the U.S.'s ability to operate in the space environment began in 1926, with the efforts of Dr. Robert Goddard. Goddard proved, during work between 1912 and 1926 on liquid-fueled rockets, that they would produce usable thrust in the vacuum of space. Until his experiments, scientists were in wide disagreement as to whether propulsion in space was possible without a medium to push against. Goddard's testing and design of liquid-fueled rockets captured the attention of a group of German scientists when in 1920 he published a paper for the Smithsonian Institution entitled "*A Method of Reaching Extreme Altitudes*." These German scientists, in 1927, founded the German Rocket Society (Verein für Raumschiffahrt – Society for Space Travel), which was subsumed into the German Army's rocket program in 1931.¹

¹ Lynn Jenner. *Dr. Robert H. Goddard: American Rocket Pioneer*. December 2004. http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/about/dr_goddard.html. May 2007.

Despite the warm reception that Goddard's 1920 paper received in Europe, and specifically Germany, the popular press in the U.S. lampooned his efforts and ridiculed and misquoted his comments hypothesizing the possibility of launching a rocket to the moon. The negative press had the effect of damaging Goddard's credibility with the mainstream American scientific and military establishment, and despite repeated offers of service to the government, he was turned down multiple times in the years before World War II.

Following the less-than-supportive reception of "*A Method of Reaching Extreme Altitudes*", Dr. Goddard found financing and support from Daniel Guggenheim, a former naval aviator. With Guggenheim's patronage, Goddard constructed an experimental rocket pad in New Mexico, near Roswell. During the years after he moved to New Mexico, a thriving community of rocketry enthusiasts in the United States - the American Rocket Society - formed, drawing the attention of Navy officials. In 1942, Lieutenant Fink Fischer, a Naval Aviator interested in rocket-assist for takeoffs, approached Goddard with an offer of employment for the U.S. Navy. Goddard began work in that year at the Experiment Station facility in Annapolis, across the Severn River from the Naval Academy with then-Lieutenant Robert Truax.

Robert Truax was an American Rocket Society member who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1939. In 1937, he built a small prototype liquid-fueled rocket engine in Naval Academy machine shops, and test-fired it at the Naval Experiment Station across the Severn River from the Naval Academy.² This work, while small in scope (Truax's rocket only produced 25 lbs of thrust) drew the attention of the Bureau of Aeronautics, who solicited his expertise in helping to "power up" the PBY-2 *Catalina*, which was underpowered at takeoff. His application of rockets to this problem came to be known as JATO.

² Ted Wilbur. *Navy Space*. Naval Aviation News. November 1970. pp. 20-21.
<http://www.history.navy.mil>. June 2007.

B. WORLD WAR II DEVELOPMENTS

Truax and Goddard, in the course of their experiments at the Annapolis Experiment Station, developed the groundwork for the U.S. Navy's guided missile program. Work on military rocket boosters in the early 1940s devolved into applications of solid rocket boosters because of the relative ease of construction, maintenance and durability. Army Air Corps and Bureau of Ordnance efforts were along these lines. Realizing the potential of long-range missiles and the threat they represented to the Allies, Truax and Goddard shifted their efforts to the design and development of air-to-air and surface-to-air interceptor weapons. Though they met with limited success before Goddard's death in August of 1945 and the end of the war, the technical developments in liquid-fueled rockets resulted in the Navy's BuAir publishing a study by Commander Harvey Hall and Lieutenant Robert DeHaviland entitled "*Feasibility of Space Rocketry*."³ Truax identifies this study as the first U.S. space program – the document proposed the construction, launch and operation of an earth-orbiting satellite for scientific purposes.

In contrast to the piecemeal, fragmented and under-funded U.S. rocket efforts, the German work during the late 1930s and early '40s was well funded, organized and centrally controlled by Dr. Werner Von Braun and German Army Captain Walter Dornberger. The focus of Von Braun's efforts was based on the outstanding work conducted by Dr. Goddard, and these evolutionary designs resulted in the remarkably capable V-2 rocket. Though not used in a strategically significant manner by Germany, captured V-2s became test-bed platforms for scientific and military experiments in the U.S. following the end of the war. In this way, evolutionary engineering from Goddard's initial work in 1912 -1926 timeframe found its way back to provide the groundwork for ballistic missile research, and ultimately the U.S. space program.

C. POST-WAR CUTBACKS AND COMPETITION

Competition between the Army Air Corps (U.S. Air Force as of 1947) and the Navy space programs dates as far back as the effort to recruit Goddard – in 1942, when

³ Ted Wilbur. *Navy Space*. Naval Aviation News. November 1970. pp. 20-21.
<http://www.history.navy.mil>. June 2007.

Lieutenant Fischer approached Goddard with an employment offer, he was simultaneously being courted by the Army Air Corps to join their rocket/aviation development program.⁴ Though generally genteel, the competition among the military services, and later NASA, had multiple effects. Specialization and focus on specific systems was one. Where Army and Air Force space systems design were initially focused on dominance of the strategic space environment, Navy efforts ultimately evolved towards development and utilization of space-based systems to support terrestrial operations. Early Army Ballistic Missile Agency work under Werner Von Braun (following the end of WWII, Von Braun worked for the U.S. Army) had the lofty goal of developing manned space stations, but eventually devolved to a counter-battery / anti-ballistic missile mission. The Air Force, even in these early years was focused primarily on providing force-enabling technologies to bolster their control of the “vertical dimension” and strategic bombing missions.

Struggles for programmatic control and resources were another result of the inter-service and inter-agency competition. In 1946, when the Navy introduced a proposal to perform joint development of a system that could orbit a satellite, called the *High Altitude Test Vehicle*,⁵ the Army Air Force and RAND Corporation stalled negotiations while rapidly composing a ‘newer’ proposal on the same topic to gain control of the proposal with a ‘more current’ study. To its credit, this particular RAND document, “*Preliminary Design of an Experimental World-Circling Spaceship*” proved to be a seminal document, offering predictions regarding the importance of scientific instruments on orbital spacecraft and the public impact of national efforts to put men in space. Additionally, the RAND report provided ammunition to the Air Staff of the Army that “...Army Air Forces should have primary responsibility for any military satellite vehicle, considering such activity to be essentially an extension of strategic air power.” This statement set the stage for the next sixty years worth of competition between the Navy and the Air Force in the arena of strategic force application and the roles and responsibilities of the services.

⁴ Ted Wilbur, *Navy Space*. Naval Aviation News. November 1970. p. 32.
<http://www.history.navy.mil>. June 2007.

⁵ Ibid., p. 34.

The late 1940s and early 1950s were characterized by sharply reduced defense budgets, the creation of the Air Force and Department of Defense under the National Defense Act of 1947 and an attempt to reduce commitments on the part of all of the military services. 1948, in particular, was a difficult year for Navy space efforts –

After serious exploration of concepts for putting a satellite in orbit, the Navy's committee for evaluating space rocketry folded in early 1948...., ...the Navy proposed to undertake a joint project with the Air force to develop earth-orbiting satellites, a proposal that was rejected by the Air Force. Proposals for space-related activity continued to be developed by the Navy, Army and Air Force, but all such proposals were opposed by Dr. Vannevar Bush, head of the powerful joint Research and Development Board.⁶ ...In 1948, the Secretary of Defense reported, with respect to space: The Committee on guided Missiles recommended that efforts in the field (of earth satellite vehicles) be limited to *studies*.⁷

Inter-service rivalries, particularly between the Air Force and the Navy developed during this time as the Air Force sought to define its mission and establish hegemony within its perceived sphere of influence, while protecting its programs from the effects of drastically reduced budgets. In 1947 alone, the service-wide missile budget was reduced from \$29 million to \$13 million, killing 20 of 28 missile programs.⁸ While the Army and Navy regrouped and consolidated their efforts in traditional mission areas, the Air Force suffered the elimination of their only ballistic missile program and was in the process of standing up Strategic Air Command and developing a concept of operations for long-range nuclear strike and defense/deterrence against the Soviet Union.⁹ Finally, as part of the Air Force's efforts to define itself and identify its missions, in 1948 General

⁶ Eddie Mitchell. *Apogee, Perigee, and Recovery: Chronology of Army Exploitation of Space*. A Rand Note. 1991. p. 13.

"In December 1945, Dr. Bush testified that it would be impossible for many years to develop a 3000-mile high-angle rocket. Dr. Bush, through the 1940s, maintained that the military was unable to provide an acceptable argument which would convince him that missiles or satellites could cost-effectively accomplish any warfighting requirement better than available aircraft or other ground systems."

⁷ Gary Federici. *From the Sea to the Stars*. Naval Historical Center. July 2003. Section 1.2. <http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>. May 2007. Emphasis appears in original publication.

⁸ Eddie Mitchell. *Apogee, Perigee, and Recovery: Chronology of Army Exploitation of Space*. A Rand Note. 1991. p. 14.

⁹ Air Force Historical Studies Office. *Emergence of the Strategic Air Command*. <https://www.airforcehistory.hq.af.mil/PopTopics/SAC.htm>. June 2007.

Vandenberg, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, issued a policy statement that established satellite and space systems as an extension of strategic air power and extending that logic to place U.S. space operations under the umbrella of the Air Force.¹⁰

D. THE SOVIET THREAT AND MILITARY PROGRAM RESURGENCE

A return to active space systems development in the 1950s was the result of Dr. Von Braun's "...aggressive lobbying of the U.S. government to develop a satellite launch vehicle using components available from the Army Ordnance Corps."¹¹ This project, initially called *Orbiter*, evolved into the *Explorer 1* system - the first U.S. satellite on orbit. *Orbiter* was intended by the Army to be a tri-service project from the beginning, but the Air Force "declined to participate."¹² The national competition to be first to orbit a satellite came to a head in 1955 when President Eisenhower announced that the U.S. would "launch small, unmanned, earth orbiting satellites."¹³ This proclamation came as an acknowledgement of the U.S. efforts towards the planned celebration of the International Geophysical Year (1957-1958). Additionally, Eisenhower intended the IGY project to be separate from the existing space systems under development by the armed forces. Unfortunately, no depth of experience or engineering expertise in space systems existed outside the Department of Defense, so a compromise was reached that provided for personnel from the Army and Navy to design and field a new rocket and satellite separate from the military systems under development.

The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) floated a proposal, called *Vanguard* to launch an NRL-developed payload on a booster stack comprised of a modified *Viking* sounding rocket,¹⁴ an *Aerobee*-derived second stage, and a newly designed third stage. *Vanguard* was in competition with a wholly Air Force program, Project *World Series*,

¹⁰ Paul B. Stares. *The Militarization of Space, U.S. Policy 1945-1948*. 1985 p. 27.

¹¹ Gary Federici. *From the Sea to the Stars*. Naval Historical Center. July 2003. Section 1.4. <http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>. May 2007.

¹² Ibid., Section 1.4.

¹³ Ted Wilbur. *Navy Space*. Naval Aviation News. November 1970. p. 34. <http://www.history.navy.mil>. June 2007.

¹⁴ The Viking rockets were Naval Research Laboratory research rockets based heavily on technology from the German V-2, which in-turn, traces its lineage back to Dr. Goddard's designs.

based on the *Atlas/Aerobee* boosters and an Army program, Project *Orbiter/Explorer 1*, that used evolutionary models of the very successful *Redstone* rocket. Because the Navy's program was perceived as a "science and research" rocket system, it was chosen over the ballistic missile programs of the other services. The *Vanguard* system, with three stages, gimballed motors, and improved fuel pumps, represented a technological leap and deviation from the established rockets and consequently was higher risk than either the Army or Air Force proposals.¹⁵ Additionally, while the Navy had the expertise to design the satellite, and the *Viking* (first stage) was a proven system, the program had no launch pad – Army launch facilities at the Redstone Arsenal in Alabama were occupied with the Army's ballistic missile program, Jupiter, and the Navy's test range at Point Mugu, California was geared for cruise-missile tests, rather than the big orbital booster systems. Ultimately, space and money was found to construct a dedicated pad at Cape Canaveral for *Vanguard* at the Air Force's launch complex.

While the Naval Research Laboratory tried to field *Vanguard*, the Soviet Union managed to launch Sputnik aboard an SS-6 *Sapwood*, a powerful, strictly military ICBM booster on 4 October 1957. Validating the RAND report "*Preliminary Design of and Experimental World-Circling Spaceship*" negative American public reaction to the Soviet success was directed against the *Vanguard* project, which because of the array of unproven technologies involved, was well behind the Soviet schedule. President Eisenhower responded to the Sputnik launch by establishing the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA, the predecessor to DARPA), and NASA in late 1957 and 1958.

E. NASA, ARPA, AND THE MILITARY BRAIN DRAIN

ARPA was created to act as the single-point for funding and development of weapons systems on the military side, and NASA was intended to be the owner of development of space systems "except...activities primarily associated with the development of weapons systems..."¹⁶ Intended to accelerate both the civilian and

¹⁵ Air University Space Primer. Chapter 1. Space History. 2003. <http://space.au.af.mil/primer/>. June 2007.

¹⁶ United States. National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958.

military development of U.S. space capabilities, the creation of these two entities further exacerbated the already competitive environment among Army, Air Force and Navy space experts. ARPA's 1957 charter under the Eisenhower administration severely restricted the Department of Defense's activities in space systems development, and worse, poisoned the research environment between Department of Defense scientists, individual service technology development centers and NASA. Additionally, despite the existence of viable space programs within all three services, ARPA awarded more than 80% of available funding to the Air Force.¹⁷ As a consequence, in 1959, following the creation of NASA (1958), ARPA was relieved of its space projects research in 1959, and left to conduct only advanced science and technology research.

The establishment of NASA was a further disruptive occasion for the military space efforts. In 1958, the Navy transferred 300 scientists and technical personnel from the Naval Research Laboratory, and in 1960, the *Vanguard* program, with approximately 200 personnel moved from NRL ownership to NASA Goddard, in Maryland.¹⁸ Similarly, the Army suffered a "brain-drain" with the stand-up of NASA, when in 1960 the Army transferred Dr. Werner Von Braun and the entire Army Ballistic Missile Agency Development Operations Division to NASA – including more than 150 of Von Braun's engineers, 3900 support personnel and 2500 missile and satellite technicians. This transfer came on the heels of the re-designation of the Army's Redstone Arsenal space development facility to NASA Marshall in 1958, as well as transfer of the *Redstone* and *Saturn* missile projects. With the founding of NASA and ARPA, the age of independent military service development of space systems came to an end. The centralization of funding under ARPA, the nascent bureaucracy of NASA, and the transfer of so much institutional expertise from the military services to NASA resulted in a watering-down of the culture that identified the individual military service efforts as unique.

¹⁷ Joshua Boehm and Craig Baker. *A History of United States National Security Space Management and Organization*. January 2001. Section IIB. <http://www.fas.org/spp/eprint/article03.html>. June 2007.

¹⁸ Gary Federici. *From the Sea to the Stars*. Naval Historical Center. July 2003. Section 1.5.1. <http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>. May 2007.

F. MILITARY PROGRAMS PRIOR TO 1961

Vanguard, finishing development amidst the pressures of Soviet competition, negative public opinion, inter-service rivalry and the challenge of NASA's standup, was a failure. The first two full-scale launches of the system with a payload exploded on the launch pad, and 60 seconds into flight, respectively. The third launch was successful, but by this point, the Secretary of Defense had ordered the Army and Werner Von Braun to prepare their *Explorer* program to launch atop a *Jupiter-C* ICBM. *Explorer 1* achieved orbit on 31 January, 1958. In the meantime, a total of eleven launches of the *Vanguard* program were attempted, only two of which were successful.

Following the two-year spasm of effort that comprised the *Vanguard* program, government investment and research in space scaled up dramatically. As the money began to flow in, the individual services were able to diversify and de-conflict their efforts in utilizing the capabilities enabled by space development. Army and Air Force efforts were split with the Army holding responsibility for development of missiles with ranges of 200 miles or less and the Air Force was given the mission of developing missiles with ranges of 200 miles or more. Additionally, the Air Force had begun work under a 1954 Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) charter to develop a capability to "provide surveillance of 'pre-selected areas of the earth' (read: USSR) in order to determine the status of a potential enemy's war making capability."¹⁹ The shorter-range Army mission led to the development of the *Nike* series of continental defense surface-to-air missiles and Army Signal Corps R&D efforts resulted in prototype solar-power cells, TV broadcasts from space, space-based radio transceivers, and ground-based phased-array radar systems.²⁰

The Navy, meanwhile, set to developing navigational systems to support its blue-water fleet in the escalating competition with Soviet forces and submarine-launched ballistic missile systems to ensure a role in strategic warfare. A 1954 report to the

¹⁹ Gary Federici. *From the Sea to the Stars*. Naval Historical Center. July 2003. Section 1.5.4.1. <http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>. May 2007.

²⁰ Eddie Mitchell. *Apogee, Perigee, and Recovery: Chronology of Army Exploitation of Space*. A Rand Note. 1991. pp. 26-28.

Department of Defense chaired by MIT President, Dr. James Killian, recommended both the development of, and division of labor for, a ballistic missile force to counter the Soviet threat. This report led to Air Force development of ICBMs (Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, 5000+ mile range), Army development of IRBMs (Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile, 1500 mile range) and a joint Navy/Army program to develop the Fleet Ballistic Missile (*Polaris*), a derivative of the IRBM. The joint program leveraged the Army's experience in booster development, and levied the requirement on the Navy to develop the sea-based launching system. Initially beneficial for both the Army and Navy, the program provided the Army with a requirement to defend against Air Force encroachment, and the Navy a method to get into the strategic weapons business. Eventually, the partnership was dissolved by Navy development of solid fuels that were denser and more compact than the Army *Jupiter* propellant that powered the initial *Polaris* missiles. The *Polaris* program was spearheaded by Captain Robert Freitag, an MIT-trained engineer and salesman par-excellence, along with Captain Robert Truax. Freitag and Truax, during the process of promoting the *Polaris* program, came to realize that the new missile system, in combination with other navy space programs like *Transit* (navigation) and *Courier* (communication), was about to change some of the fundamental practices of the entire Navy.²¹ They assisted in convening a cross-disciplinary board in 1959 that established two space sections under OPNAV to better centralize policy and activity in Navy space development.

The *Transit* satellite navigation system was a result of a surfeit of intellectual curiosity on the part of a pair of Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory personnel in 1957. APL researchers William Guier and George Wiefenbach, fascinated by the launch of *Sputnik I*, discovered that they could accurately track the satellite by processing Doppler shift data.²² With this capability, APL scientists realized that they could provide precise positional data for earth-bound navigation based on satellites with known position, timing data and Doppler information from a broadcast signal. This APL

²¹ Ted Wilbur. *Navy Space*. Naval Aviation News. November 1970. pp. 56-59.
<http://www.history.navy.mil>. June 2007.

²² Gary Federici. *From the Sea to the Stars*. Naval Historical Center. July 2003. Section 1.6.1.
<http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>. May 2007.

concept was sponsored by the Navy in 1958, and proposed for development as the *Transit* system. *Transit* was a groundbreaking development in that it was the first space system to be fielded as a method of addressing a specifically terrestrial problem. As a predecessor to the Air Force's NAVSTAR GPS system (contracted in 1974), 26 *Transit* satellites were launched between September of 1959 and October 1977. This system evolved to support approximately 25-meter accuracy, but the wait time to get enough satellite passes to resolve position sometimes took minutes, making it unsuitable for fast moving receivers, like aircraft. Requirements generated from *Transit* eventually found their way to the GPS program, helping refine Navy needs during the Air Force requirements definition process.

G. FIRST ESTABLISHMENT OF THE "EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR SPACE"

By 1961, the modern scheme of military satellite launch and operation had begun to emerge. Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara signed Defense Directive 5160.32 in March of 1961, assigning the Air Force sole responsibility for development and acquisition of all U.S. military space systems. The other services were permitted to perform research in space systems and technology, but were not allowed to field in-house developed systems. Driven by a January 1961 report²³ headed up by Dr. Jerome Wiesner of MIT (later, President Emeritus of MIT) that attributed the Soviet lead in space to lack of coordination and duplicated efforts by the U.S. military establishment, the Secretary of the Air Force lobbied the Office of the Secretary of Defense for the lead role in managing U.S. military space systems development. Award of this mission to the Air Force resulted in the establishment of the Air Force Systems Command and appointment of the Secretary of the Air Force as the Department of Defense Executive Agent for Space. This appointment came as a surprise to the other services. The Navy, in particular, already had congressional approval for its 1962 – 1965 space program budget and was in development and fielding of the *Transit* navigational system.²⁴

²³ Wiesner Committee, "Report to the President-Elect of the Ad Hoc Committee on Space." NASA History Office. 10 January 1961. <http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/report61.html>. June 2007.

²⁴ Gary Federici. *From the Sea to the Stars*. Naval Historical Center. July 2003. Section 2.1.2. <http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>. May 2007.

The 1961 Department of Defense Directive 5160.32 resulted in a decade-long slowdown in military space development as NASA budgets and manned space flight efforts took center stage in the space arena, and the Vietnam War absorbed budgets that the services had otherwise used for research and development. Nonetheless, science and technology development, outside the purview of the Air Force's Executive Agent status, continued in both the Army and Navy.

The Army established the Strategic Communications Command, in 1964 to manage continuing Army R&D on the Defense Satellite Communication System (*DSCS*).²⁵ *DSCS* is a protected, high-bandwidth satellite communications system developed by the Army, but procured, launched and operated by the Air Force. Originally a near-geosynchronous drifting satellite, twenty-six *DSCS I* satellites were launched by the Air Force between 1966 and 1968 to provide long-haul, high-bandwidth communications pipes to large, stationary Army forces. *DSCS* in its present form, *DSCS III* and *DSCS III SLEP* (Service Life Extension Program), provides worldwide high data rate communications in the Super High Frequency (SHF) band for stationary and mobile platforms capable of mounting a four- to seven-foot antenna. *DSCS III* satellites, launched from 1982 and later, are geosynchronous and are capable of communicating in protected and jam resistant modes. *DSCS* is exceptionally important to the Navy, and provides the sole full-duplex, military high-bandwidth communication link to large-deck ships.

Likewise, Navy science and technology development continued through the 1960s in the face of increasing Air Force domination of the space arena. Navy experimentation in the fields of space surveillance (VHF Fence), ionospheric research (NASA *Explorer*), VLF communication (*LOFTI*), electronic intelligence (*SURCAL*) and space weather and solar observation (*SOLRAD*) continued through the decade.²⁶ Additionally, engineering development on specialized satellite control systems and upper-stage technologies was

²⁵ Joshua Boehm and Craig Baker. *A History of United States National Security Space Management and Organization*. January 2001. Section IIIA. <http://www.fas.org/spp/eprint/article03.html>. June 2007.

²⁶ Gary Federici. *From the Sea to the Stars*. Naval Historical Center. July 2003. Various. <http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>. May 2007.

conducted by the Naval Research Laboratory. NRL scientists developed gravity gradient stabilization techniques that were fielded aboard a *Transit* satellite in 1963, powerful cold-gas thrusters for stationkeeping that were launched on *SOLRAD* in 1965, and multiple-payload launches were pioneered with NRL assistance throughout the 1960s. Finally, the *Transit* navigation system, first launched in September 1959, was the most successful of the Navy science projects. *Transit* technology, and the expertise acquired during its development became instrumental in the development of the NAVSTAR GPS system, and refinement of requirements for the GPS constellation to support the Navy user.²⁷

H. SPACE PROGRAM DIVERGENCE IN THE MILITARY SERVICES

By 1970, a joint Army-Navy lobbying effort to overturn the 1961 DoD Directive was successful, allowing those services to return to active development of “specialized satellite systems for ocean surveillance, communication, navigation, meteorology, mapping, charting and geodesy.”²⁸ The new 1970 DoD Directive 5160.32 permitted a great expansion of the Navy space effort, and led directly to the development of technologies enabling the current concepts of “FORCEnet”²⁹ and “information superiority” – *FLTSAT*, UHF Follow-On (*UFO*), *GEOSAT*, and shipboard terminals supporting communication with the *DSCS* constellation.

It was during this time, in the mid-1970s when Navy relations with Air Force program offices and program management fell to unprecedented lows. The *FLTSAT* program, in particular, was plagued with problems between the specifications and requirements organization, the NRL, and the contracting organization, USAF Space and Missiles Systems Organization. Air Force management practices were seemingly incompatible with Naval Research Lab organizational culture, and when technical difficulties arose in the construction and testing of the satellites, the Air Force’s

²⁷ Gary Federici. *From the Sea to the Stars*. Naval Historical Center. July 2003. Section 3.4.3. <http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>. May 2007.

²⁸ United States. Department of Defense Directive 5160.32, March 1961.

²⁹ Department of the Navy. <http://forcenet.navy.mil/>. June 2007.

Aerospace Corporation, brought in to resolve the problems, initially sought a solution by questioning the NRL base specifications for the satellite.³⁰ Though exceptional compromise and cross-cultural team-building among a coterie of dedicated Navy and Air Force officers saved the program, this clash of organizational cultures was indicative of the forming institutional mentalities in the military space arena

Resurgence in space capabilities and technological innovation leading to the modern era is traced by multiple authors³¹ to the late 1970s, with the inception of the TENCAP (Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities) program among all three services. TENCAP was executed differently among the services, but generally, TENCAP efforts have been focused on high-technology efforts leveraging the capabilities of National systems to support tactical warfighting. Navy TENCAP efforts trend towards scientific research and development, with less emphasis on acquisition and lifecycle of systems. This “leveraging” of space systems and other service capabilities has become a hallmark of naval space applications in general, reducing the Navy’s required service-specific investment in space while achieving the necessary capabilities to provide support to the fleet.

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SPACE COMMAND AND GROWTH OF NAVAL SPACE

Growing reliance on space as a medium to support terrestrial naval operations began to meet with high-level recognition in the Navy in the early 1980s, and in 1983, the Secretary of the Navy stood up Naval Space Command to centralize control of naval space efforts. The founding of the Naval Space Command came at a time when increased attention by Congress on the progress and organization of U.S. space efforts was reaching a fever pitch. The Air Force was an early victim of the congressional attention in the 1980s, with the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Strategic and Theater Nuclear Programs pushing for organizational efficiencies in the strategic combat arena, and Resolution 5130 being introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Ken Kramer (R, CO)

³⁰ Gary Federici. *From the Sea to the Stars*. Naval Historical Center. July 2003. Section 3.3.4.2. <http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>. May 2007.

³¹ Various: See Federici, Mitchell and Boehm.

to rename the Air Force to the “Aerospace Force.”³² Finally, a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report issued in January of 1982 was typically critical of the Department of Defense’s management of space capabilities, and recommended reorganization and consolidation of the various DoD space functions at the Consolidated Space Operations Center in Colorado Springs.³³ Shortly thereafter, in September of 1982, the Air Force founded the Air Force Space Command.

The existence of consolidated Air Force and Navy Space Commands provided sufficient impetus for the creation of a joint service space command, and in September of 1985, the Joint Chiefs of Staff created the United States Space Command. Interestingly, U.S. Space Command came into existence in-part because of the institutional inertia developed during the early 1980s to centralize control of military space efforts, and also because of the extensive R&D being conducted for the Strategic Defense Initiative, President Ronald Reagan’s space-based weapons system for anti-ballistic weapons defense. Doctrinal and policy developments that preceded the standup of USSPACECOM came in July of 1984, when the National Security Council conducted a review and update of the national space strategy. Immediately following, in August of 1984, the National Space Strategy National Security Decision Directive was released, paving the way for the establishment of U.S. Space Command.

Meanwhile, the Army, which was in the midst of a baseline review of its fighting doctrine, was working to incorporate requirements for persistent overhead surveillance, beyond line-of-sight-communications and maneuver warfare.³⁴ This doctrine, AirLand Battle (FM 100-5) relied extremely heavily on space systems infrastructure, and in

³² Joshua Boehm and Craig Baker. *A History of United States National Security Space Management and Organization*. January 2001. Section IIIA. <http://www.fas.org/spp/eprint/article03.html>. June 2007.

The terms “Aerospace” and “Aerospace force” remains a sensitive topic within the Air Force. See “The Transformation Trinity” by Major Bruce H. McClintock, USAF (Air University thesis).

³³ Joshua Boehm and Craig Baker. *A History of United States National Security Space Management and Organization*. January 2001. Section IIIA. <http://www.fas.org/spp/eprint/article03.html>. June 2007.

³⁴ Eddie Mitchell. *Apogee, Perigee, and Recovery: Chronology of Army Exploitation of Space*. A Rand Note. 1991. pp. 73-77.

The Army’s new doctrine of combat, developed from 1978 to 1982, was termed AirLand Battle. It postulated operations over vast areas, with weapons-dense battlefields, extremely short reaction times and scarce resupply opportunities.

recognition of that requirement, by August of 1986, the Army had established the Army Space Agency (renamed Army Space Command in April 1988) as the Army component of U.S. Space Command.

Despite the premise that the Naval Space Command (NAVSPACECOM) was to be the central point for Navy space effort, it did not function as the sole Navy entity in the arena. NAVSPACECOM was instead the operational commander of a trio of organizations:

- Navy Space Systems Division (OP-943) whose mission it was to validate and sponsor programs.
- NAVELEXSYSCOM (PME-106) which executed contract programs and delivered space systems.
- NAVSPACECOM to collect and validate requirements for satellite support of fleet operations.³⁵

Naval Space Command became a clearing-house for other Navy space-related organizations and the mission of training and educating Naval leadership. Missions and subordinate commands up until its disestablishment in 2002 included:

- Navy Astronautics Group (renamed Naval Satellite Operation Center in 1990)
- Naval Space Surveillance Center (capabilities turned over to the Air Force in 2003)³⁶
- Fleet Surveillance Support Command
- Naval Space Command Reserve Units
- Marine Corps Reserve Augmentation Unit
- Naval Space Command Detachment, Colorado Springs (USSPACECOM Liaison)
- Naval Space Command Detachment ECHO (DSP/JTAGS)
- Navy TENCAP
- Alternate Space Defense Operations Center (merged with Alternate Space Surveillance Center to create Alternate Space Control Center)

³⁵ Gary Federici. *From the Sea to the Stars*. Naval Historical Center. July 2003. Section 4.10.2. <http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>. May 2007.

³⁶ Gary R. Wagner. *Navy Transfers Space Surveillance Mission to the Air Force*. Navy Newstand. 20 October 2004. http://www.news.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=15597. June 2007.

By the 1990s, the Naval Space Command had become an organization entrusted with a wide variety of combat support mission areas of critical importance to the fleet. The Naval Satellite Operations Center, for instance, though comprised of only approximately 150 personnel, was responsible for UHF communications for the 1990-1991 Desert Shield/Desert Storm operations. UHF communications, on *FLTSAT* and UHF Follow-On (*UFO*) satellites, comprised the only ‘tactical’ overhead communications service for ground forces at that time. Additionally, Navy TENCAP, working with the Army, pushed for greater capabilities realization of the Defense Support Program assets (DSP was initially designed to sense ballistic missile launch in the Cold War era), and developed a system called JTAGS to monitor theater missile launch (SCUD) in the Desert Storm Area of Operations.

J. THE CONTESTED MISSION AREA AND NATIONAL SPACE REORGANIZATION

Navy space operations in the same vein as the DSP/JTAGS effort have met with stiff and growing resistance from the Air Force and their partners in the Intelligence Community. As U.S. national space capabilities matured towards the end of the 20th century, the organizations that developed the greatest capability, acquired the largest budgets and established the most lengthy personnel rosters began to approach space as if it were their exclusive provenance. This proprietary attitude harkens back to the 1961 DoD Directive naming the Air Force as the Executive Agent for Space and the 1960 founding of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). Notwithstanding the cancellation of this directive in 1970, as space budgets and programs migrated to these two organizations beginning in the 1960s, they forged an institutional mentality that much as the Navy ‘ownership’ of the seas was uncontested by the other services, the Air

Force should 'own' the "vertical dimension."³⁷ A Time Magazine article from March 17th of 1961 details the implications clearly:

Aerospace Force?

The U.S. Air Force has been trying the name "U.S. Aerospace Force" on its tongue ever since the Eisenhower Administration assigned it prime responsibility for "space transportation." Last week the name sounded better than ever when Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, over the strangled cries of other services, flatly assigned "space development programs and projects to the Department of the Air Force except under unusual circumstances."

No existing programs were changed. The Army will continue with its Advent communications satellite; the Navy will stick with its Transit navigation satellite. And each service, in Pentagon parlance, will have "the right to think," to do research on the problems of putting its weapons into space. But from now on, the Air Force is boss of the big boosters that make military space ventures possible.

Despite this truce, there are still new galaxies to conquer before the Aerospace Force becomes the big cheese. There is still an ill-defined line between military projects and work done by the civilian National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Some day soon, the President will have to set up a single, economical space agency. Airmen are betting that it will belong to them.³⁸

Regardless of the fact that this article was written more than 45 years ago, it clearly summarizes an aim of the modern-day Air Force – exertion of organizational control over the air and space environments. The specific "Aerospace" concept, however, has recently fallen into disfavor. Since the later 1990s, semantic and organizational issues regarding the use of the "Aerospace" have been raised by Air Force officers as a dilution of the service's primary mission of air superiority. This has resulted

³⁷ F.W. Peters & Michael E. Ryan. *The Aerospace Force: Defending America in the 21st Century...a White Paper on Aerospace Integration*. Department of the Air Force, Washington D.C. 2000. <http://stinet.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA381077&Location=U2&doc=GetTRDoc.pdf>. June 2007. The term "vertical dimension" occurs no fewer than four times in this particular document, and appears in almost every scholarly paper on or by the Air Force that the authors have reviewed. The origin of the term, which is used to imply a volume without bound, starting at the Earth's surface, seems to come from the same timeframe as the 1961 DoD Directive 5160.32 appointing the Air Force as the Executive Agent for Space.

³⁸ Time Magazine. *Aerospace Force?* 17 March 1961. <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,894428,00.html>. June 2007.

in funding battles between the air-breathing programs and the development and fielding of orbital and launch systems. Current discussion and doctrine leans towards the identification of “Space-specific” forces, and the establishment of a “Space Warfighting” community or U.S. Space Force.³⁹

In the face of increasing Air Force space budgets, restrictions on service exploitation of the space arena and ambivalence from leadership, Navy space efforts are under-represented in comparison with the relative importance of space effects and space support to the fleet. The mid-1990s represented the pinnacle of the modern Navy space organization.⁴⁰ During these years, in the aftermath of Desert Storm, leadership and “warfighter” recognition of the Navy’s reliance on robust satellite systems for command, control, communications and intelligence (C³I) functions reached its peak. Development of accurate, guided munitions, complex operations plans transmitted via computer networks, Intelligence Preparation of the Battlespace and expectations of instantaneous, pervasive, worldwide communications reinforced the understanding of senior leaders of the necessity for space-borne capabilities and expertise. Unfortunately, sometime between the late 1990s and the present day this understanding disappeared.

A possible source for the second decline in Navy space involvement may stem from the reorganization of Department of Defense space management during the Clinton Administration. Fiscal year 1993 and 1994 Defense Authorization and Defense Appropriations Bills respectively mandated centralized space acquisition for the reduction of costs, and stated that then-current management structures within DoD space were inadequate.⁴¹ In response, the position of Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Space (DUSD Space) was created to “...serve as the principal point of contact within

³⁹ See McClintock and Harter.

⁴⁰ Joshua Boehm and Craig Baker. *A History of United States National Security Space Management and Organization*. January 2001. Section IIIB2. <http://www.fas.org/spp/eprint/article03.html>. June 2007.

Following the merger of NAVSPACECOM with the Naval Space Surveillance Center, consolidated operations in Navy space included elements exercising control of operational management of space systems, operation of the Naval Space Surveillance Network, operational and tactical support to Naval forces and status as the Alternate Space Control Center for the U.S. Space Command. Not since this time have all of these functions been consolidated under one command.

⁴¹ United States. *National Space issues: Observation on Defense Space Program and Activities*. Government Accountability Office. 16 August 1994. GAO/NSIAD-94-253, 10.

OSD for space matters, to develop, coordinate, and oversee implementation of DoD space policy and to provide oversight over all DoD Space architectures and the acquisition of DoD space programs.”⁴² Rapid organizational changes followed:

- 1995, March – DoD Space Architect established. “This office was established to consolidate the responsibilities for DoD space missions and system architecture development, to eliminate “stovepiped” space programs, and to improve efficiencies in acquisition and future operations in support of U.S. military operations.”⁴³ The DoD SA, an Air Force two-star, worked “with” the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Space.
- 1995, December – Joint Space Management Board (JSMB) established. Created jointly by the Secretary of Defense and Director of the CIA to “consolidate defense and intelligence space architecture functions into a single national space architecture.”⁴⁴
- 1997, January – Defense Reform Initiatives 11 and 42 announced. Intended to “streamline” DoD organization and infrastructure through the use of business practices, these two initiatives resulted in yet another DoD Space restructuring.
- 1998, July – DoD Space Architect renamed National Security Space Architect. Job description of DoD SA broadened to include incorporation of Intelligence Community assets and architectures into the DoD Space architecture.
- 2001 – Space Commission releases report critical of DoD management of space organization and capabilities.
- 2003, June – In an echo of the 1961 DoD Directive 5160.32, the U.S. Air Force is identified as the Executive Agent for Space in response to the 2001 Space Commission report. (DoD Directive 5101.2)

The result of this gusty and shifting organizational climate seems to have resulted in disinterest and indifference on the part of senior Navy leadership. On 11 July 2002, the Naval Space Command was disestablished and Naval Network Warfare Command (NETWARCOM) was established. This new organization encompassed and superseded the strictly space-focused organization, incorporating space capabilities (primarily in the communications realm) as a portion of an overarching mission to provide networked

⁴² Joshua Boehm and Craig Baker. *A History of United States National Security Space Management and Organization*. January 2001. Section IIE1. <http://www.fas.org/spp/eprint/article03.html>. June 2007.

⁴³ Joshua Boehm and Craig Baker. *A History of United States National Security Space Management and Organization*. January 2001. Section IIF2. <http://www.fas.org/spp/eprint/article03.html>. June 2007.

⁴⁴ Ibid., Section IIF3.

communications and resources to the Navy. Incorporation of the Naval Space Command into the NETWARCOM mission relegated the space mission area to a secondary and supporting status within the enterprise's task hierarchy, and ultimately contributed to the incipient and crippling loss of direction in the Navy space community.

When they were absorbed into NETWARCOM, the Naval Space Command numbered approximately 400 personnel. At that time, the Air Force Space Command numbered approximately 33,600,⁴⁵ and was charged with the lion's share of the Department of Defense space budget. Air Force-provided numbers for the space community, in the year 2000 read as shown in Table 1, below:

Space Personnel	90%
Space Budget	85%
Space Assets	86%
Space Infrastructure	90%

Table 1. Air Force Percentage of DoD Space Capabilities.⁴⁶

While critically reliant on space systems to perform its terrestrial mission, the Navy has seen fit to pursue a policy of leveraging the capabilities provided by other organizations to achieve its combat requirements. Unfortunately, quality-of-service concerns in many facets of the National Security Space mission areas,⁴⁷ relating to both USAF- and Intelligence Community-provided resources have plagued this relationship.

⁴⁵ Bruce H. McClintock, Major, U.S. Air Force. *The Transformation Trinity*. Air University Press, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. 2002. p.42.

⁴⁶ F.W. Peters & Michael E. Ryan. *The Aerospace Force: Defending America in the 21st Century...a White Paper on Aerospace Integration*. Department of the Air Force, Washington D.C. 2000. p. 5. <http://stinet.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA381077&Location=U2&doc=GetTRDoc.pdf>. June 2007.

⁴⁷ The authors and editors of *The Navy's Needs in Space for Providing Future Capabilities* identify the following six mission areas – ISR, METOC, TBMD, Communications, PNT, and Space Control, while the National Security Space Office identifies a larger, more granular group of missions including – Surveillance and Warning, MilSatCom, Navigation, Environmental Monitoring, ISR, Space Surveillance, NMD/Counterspace, Space Forces Support, Force Application, General Support and Technology RDT&E. <http://www.wslfweb.org/docs/roadmap/irm/rmindex.htm>. June 2007.

Incompatible mindsets between space-resource operators - who in many cases viewed their mission as an end-into-itself - and the operational user of space-sourced functionality led to dissatisfaction on the part of the end user, and a perception on the part of the space systems operator that their resources were being misused. Fortunately, restructuring initiatives in the late 1990s, resulting from DoD and congressional concerns about space support to military forces during the 1991 Gulf War, relieved some of the friction. Although elements of this problem persist, operational space support of the terrestrial warfighter has improved dramatically since this restructuring of management of National Security Space functions in the late 1990s.⁴⁸ Most notably, mandates to "...facilitate the cross-coordination of both classified and unclassified space products..."⁴⁹ and allocation and future plans for communications resources have served to spread oil on troubled waters.

With increasing reliance on outsourcing to provide space-based capabilities and services, the Navy has demonstrated a progressively diminishing interest in the business of space in recent years. Program management of communications satellites in the UHF band reflects the last vestige of a dedicated Navy commitment to acquiring space systems, and even these programs comprise Navy involvement for primarily historical reasons. In the present day, ever-increasing reliance on high-bandwidth communications systems force the Navy to use systems acquired and operated by the Air Force and Army (*MILSTAR*, *DSCS*) or services provided by commercial vendors. Likewise, overhead surveillance, navigation, weather and science and technology needs that in the past were developed by the Navy to meet internal needs are coming from other organizations. This decline in institutional involvement in space reflects a larger struggle, as the Navy attempts to define a role for itself in an era of asymmetric warfare and largely land-based counter-insurgency operations.⁵⁰ Focus of effort and funding at the highest levels is

⁴⁸ United States. *Space Program Executive Overview for FY1998-2003*. Department of Defense. March 1997. <http://www.fas.org/spp/military/program/sp97>. June 2007.

⁴⁹ United States. *Space Program Executive Overview for FY1998-2003*. Department of Defense. March 1997. <http://www.fas.org/spp/military/program/sp97>. June 2007.

⁵⁰ George Galdorisi, Dr. Stephanie Hszieh and Terry McKearney. *SPAWAR Supports the Navy's Global Maritime Partnership*. CHIPS. April-June 2007. http://www.chips.navy.mil/archives/07_Jun/web_pages/Maritime_Partnership.html. June 2007.

concentrated on purchases of traditional equipment, even when the utility of \$4 billion aircraft carriers and submarines becomes increasingly dependent on network-centric concepts of operations⁵¹ and its attendant space systems.⁵²

In an environment of meager budgets, minimal manpower and apparent leadership disinterest, modern-day maintenance of space capabilities has primarily been the result of dedicated individuals and isolated pockets of corporate expertise. Preservation of a full-spectrum effort in space systems development, fielding and operation no longer makes sense – the Navy focus for future space efforts should be sharpened and refined, separating unnecessary services and functions from those that best support the institution’s goals and ability to perform its core warfighting responsibilities.

⁵¹ David S. Alberts, John J. Garstga and Frederick P. Stein. *Network Centric Warfare: Developing and Leveraging Information Superiority*. CCRP. 2001.

⁵² National Research Council. Committee on the Navy’s Needs in Space for Providing Future Capabilities. *The Navy’s Needs in Space for Providing Future Capabilities*. The National Academies Press 2005. Executive Summary. http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=11200&page=1. June 2007. This document identifies Navy efforts in nine out of sixteen areas of space expertise as displaying “...little to no evidence of responsive naval management actions.”

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II. SIGNIFICANT DEFINITIONS

As Department of Defense space efforts continue to evolve and transform, so do the doctrines and instructions relating to those activities. Directly connected to the DoD efforts, the United States Navy's doctrine, organizations and publications relating to space are also evolving. This chapter is intended to enhance understanding of the numerous publications, organizations and doctrines fundamental to the Navy space program in an effort to establish a baseline for further discussions in the following chapters.

This chapter is broken down into two major segments: Organizations and Concepts. The first segment essentially describes the fundamental structure of the different services and joint space organizations. The second segment focuses on the conceptual ideology and doctrine relating to the Department of Defense and specifically the Navy's space efforts.

A. ORGANIZATIONS

1. January 11, 2001 U.S. Commission to Assess National Security Space Management and Organizations (2001 Space Commission)

The 2001 Space Commission was established in 1999 by an amendment to the FY 2000 defense authorization bill. Senator Bob Smith (R-N.H.) was the point person in Congress for the creation of the Space Commission.⁵³ Smith believed that the annual defense budgets were continually short-changing space programs. He also noticed that military personnel without space backgrounds were being promoted faster than those with space experience and he alleged that treaties had negotiated away the U.S. advantages in space. The thirteen-member commission was chaired by Donald Rumsfeld prior to his appointment as Secretary of Defense. Among other issues, the commission sought to determine if changes needed to be made to improve the United States' national security posture and capabilities in space. Six months of research and interviews with the

⁵³ Tom Barry. *Rumsfeld Space Commission*. International Relations Center Right Web. 21 May 2004. <http://rightweb.irc-online.org/profile/2820>. June 2007.

country's leading space experts convinced the commission that space should be elevated to the status of a top national security priority. A Rumsfeld Space Commission news release called the likelihood of future conflict in space "a virtual certainty." As a result, the commission determined that the United States should take immediate steps to develop superior space capabilities.⁵⁴

2. Naval Network Warfare Command (NETWARCOM)

Naval Network Warfare Command creates warfighting and business options for the Fleet to fight and win in the information age. They deliver and operate a reliable, secure and battle-ready global network. They lead the development, integration and execution of Information Operations effect for the Fleet. Additionally this command is charged with the mission of ensuring the Navy fully leverages and influences national space capabilities. NETWARCOM increases the naval commanders' warfighting capabilities through the use of cumulative space effects in maritime operations as measured by a maturity model.⁵⁵

In May of 2005, the Chief of Naval Operations released the Navy Space Policy Implementation (OPNAV Instruction 5400.43) designating Commander, NETWARCOM as the Space Type Commander (TYCOM) and Space Cadre Functional Authority for the United States Navy. NETWARCOM is responsible for developing, maintaining and overseeing the Navy Space Human Capital Strategy, SSFA, PEO Space Systems and the Space Cadre Advisor. NETWARCOM is under the command of U.S. Fleet Forces Command. The U.S. Fleet Forces Command acts as the U.S. Navy functional component

⁵⁴ Gerry J. Gilmore. 'Space Increasingly Important,' *SPACECOM Chief Says*. American Forces Press Service. 5 April 2001. <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=45030>. May 2007

⁵⁵ Department of the Navy. *Naval Network Warfare Command Strategic Plan 2006-2010...a framework for decision-making. Executive Summary Version 2.0*. Naval Network Warfare Command. 23 March 2007. http://www.netwarcom.navy.mil/NETWARCOM%20Strategic%20Plan_Executive%20Version%202_1%2011.pdf. June 2007

to U.S. Strategic Command for Space.⁵⁶ NETWARCOM is tasked with standing up the NETWARCOM Maritime Operations Center (MOC) Space Cell,⁵⁷ an organization intended to provide the fleet with space effects and other space related products.

3. NETWARCOM (NNWC) Maritime Operations Center (MOC) Space Cell

Located at NETWARCOM Headquarters is the NNWC Maritime Operations Center Space Cell. The Space Cell provides NNWC with internal space situational awareness while synchronizing with the MOC IO and NETOPS (Network Operations) cells for synergistic effects. The MOC Space Cell was stood up to provide fleet forces with a single point of reach back connectivity with regards to fleet space needs and operational integration. At the operational level, the NNWC MOC Space Cell provides reach-back support to fleet MHQ/MOC Staffs, to include planning augmentation and theater level synchronization. At the tactical level, the cell provides tailored reach-back support to CSG/ESG Staffs incorporating space situational awareness reports and Space Effects Packages with a maritime domain focus. This product is low bandwidth-compatible to enable transmission and receipt in a bandwidth-challenged environment.⁵⁸

4. Naval Satellite Operations Center (NAVSOC)

NAVSOC is responsible for operating, managing and maintaining assigned satellite systems; providing reliable satellite services for the Navy in direct support of the warfighter. NAVSOC Headquarters are in Point Mugu, California. Currently, they control the spacecraft bus for eight *UFO* (UHF Follow-On), two Polar EHF, two *FLTSAT/FEP*, one *GFO*, and four *NIMS* satellites. NAVSOC maintains operational

⁵⁶ Department of the Navy. OPNAVINST 5400.43A, *Navy Space Policy Implementation*. 12 February 2007. p. 9.

<https://doni.daps.dla.mil/Directives/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fDirectives%2f05000%20General%20Management%20Security%20and%20Safety%20Services%2f05%2d400%20Organization%20and%20Functional%20Support%20Services>. May 2007.

⁵⁷ Formerly known as the Network, Information Operations, and Space Center (NIOSC) Space Cell.

⁵⁸ Julie Niedermaier, Commander, U.S. Navy. *Navy Space Cadre Update (SSFA Space Indoctrination)*. PowerPoint Brief. March 2007.

control of these satellites from five different remote ground stations, shown in Figure 1, below, throughout the United States and Guam.

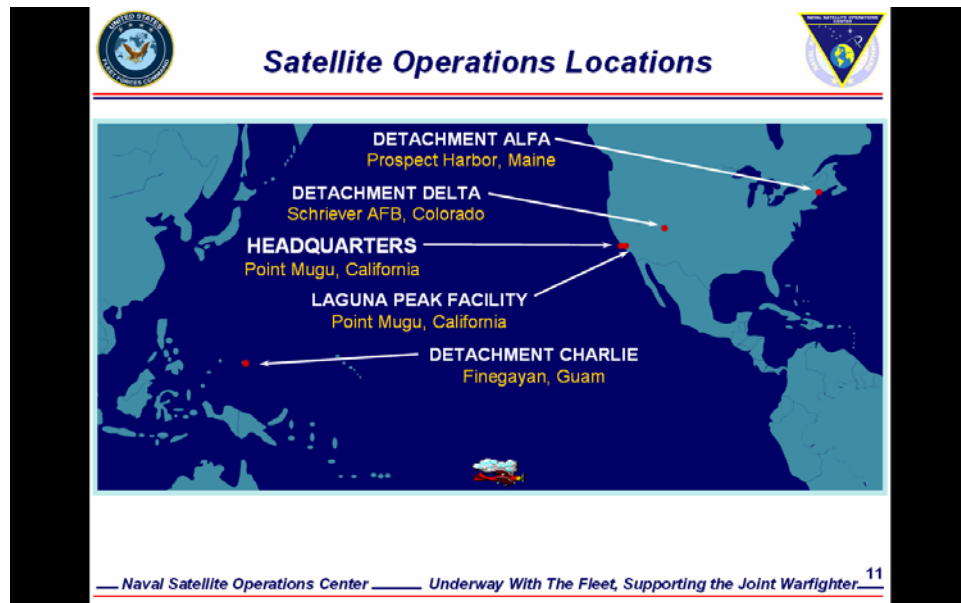


Figure 1. NAVSOC Satellite Operations Locations⁵⁹

Table 2, below, provides a detailed list of the functions that NAVSOC performs for each satellite under their respective control.

	HQ	LP	ALFA	CHARLIE	DELTA
FLTSAT	TT&C		TLM Collection, EHF Term Ops,	TLM Collection, EHF Term Ops	TT&C
UFO	TT&C		TLM Collection, EHF Term Ops	TLM Collection, EHF Term Ops	TT&C
POLAR	Backup T&C		Primary T&C		Host Liaison, Anomaly Resolution
GFO	T&C, Doppler Collect, Orbit Determination	Antenna Site, Backup T&C	Ant Site, Backup T&C, Doppler Collection	Doppler Collection	
NIMS	T&C				

Table 2. NAVSOC Functional Control by Location⁶⁰

⁵⁹ Paul M. Insch, Captain, U.S. Navy. *NAVSOC Command Brief*. Naval Satellite Operations Center. PowerPoint Brief. June 2006. Slide 11.

⁶⁰ Ibid., Slide 38.

In addition to the legacy systems listed above, NAVSOC is the planned controlling authority for the Mobile-User Objective System, the follow-on to the UFO systems. The orbital component of the *MUOS* system is scheduled to be operational by 2010. NAVSOC is poised to take control of the bus for five *MUOS* satellites by the year 2015.

5. Maritime Headquarters with Maritime Operations Center (MHQ-MOC)

The concept of a Maritime Headquarters with Maritime Operations Center (MHQ with MOC) evolved from Flag-level deliberations concerning the roles and capabilities of the US Navy at the operational-level of war (OLW). There is a breach between the current tactical expertise of the US Navy and enduring CCDR requirements to support theater-wide strategies and national objectives. The Navy must modify command organizations in Echelons II and III (NCCs, Numbered Fleet commanders and principal headquarters commanders) to better support operational-level planning, execution and assessment. The establishment of MHQs with MOC will support execution of the National Strategy on Maritime Security (NSMS), comply with CNO 2006 Guidance, and fulfill CCDR requirements specified in the Unified Command Plan (UCP). The Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) demands a responsive MHQ with MOC capability. It requires fully-networked naval C2 of joint operations and supporting activities incorporating the concept and capabilities of centralized guidance, distributed/collaborative planning, and decentralized execution, which synchronizes the Navy across all areas of responsibility (AOR).⁶¹

6. Carrier Strike Group (CSG)

The Carrier Strike Group is a flexible maritime combat-force organization construct centered on the aircraft carrier and its assigned Carrier Air Wing. The term “Carrier Strike Group” replaced the term “Carrier Battle Group” in 2003 by CNO directive. The CSG typically consists of one aircraft carrier (CVN), one *Aegis* guided missile cruiser (CG), two *Aegis* guided missile destroyers (DDG), one attack submarine (SSN) and usually one fast combat supply ship (AOE). The CSG Staff is embarked aboard the carrier and is led by a one- or two-star admiral.

⁶¹ Department of the Navy. *Maritime Headquarters with Maritime Operations Center Concept of Operations (CONOPS)*, Final DRAFT Version. 15 May 2006. p. ii.

7. Joint Space Operations Center (JSpOC)

The JSpOC is the operational command and control (C²) center that provides Commander, Joint Forces Component Command, Space (CDR JFCC Space), via the Commander, Joint Space Operations (CDRJSO), the capability to plan, task, direct, synchronize, and assess the activities of assigned and attached space forces (as well as those space forces made available for tasking)... CDR JFCC Space executes OPCON of space forces via the JSpOC at Vandenberg AFB, CA.⁶²

The JSpOC maintains a twenty-four hour watch floor with reach-back capability for the NNWC MOC Space Cell and Navy Space Cadre. They conduct strategic planning and operational tasking for space effects across the entire DoD space spectrum. Similar to that of an Air Tasking Order (ATO), the JSpOC is responsible for the weekly publishing of a Space Tasking Order (STO) in which they assign weekly requirements for space assets throughout the globe. They are also responsible for publishing the special instructions (SIPNS) for all joint space activity.

8. Government Accountability Office (GAO)

The Government Accountability Office, the audit, evaluation and investigative arm of Congress, exists to support Congress in meeting its constitutional responsibilities and to help improve the performance and accountability of the federal government for the American people. GAO examines the use of public funds; evaluates federal programs and policies; and provides analyses, recommendations, and other assistance to help Congress make informed oversight, policy, and funding decisions. GAO's commitment to good government is reflected in its core values of accountability, integrity, and reliability.⁶³

Two GAO reports will be referenced within this thesis, both pertaining to Congressional follow-up of DoD activities resulting from the 2001 Space Commission findings.

⁶² Department of the Air Force. *Air Force Operational Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures 2-3.4, Joint Space Operations Center (Draft)*. 20 January 2006.

⁶³ United States. Report to Congressional Committees: *DEFENSE SPACE ACTIVITIES: Additional Actions Needed to Implement Human Capital Strategy and Develop Space Personnel*. Government Accountability Office. August 2004. p. 29. <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d04697.pdf>. June 2007.

9. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR)

SPAWAR and its five systems centers provide much of the tactical and non-tactical information management technology required by the Navy to complete its operational missions. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center San Diego (SSC San Diego) is the U.S. Navy's research, development, test and evaluation, engineering and fleet support center for command, control and communication systems and ocean surveillance. SSC San Diego provides information resources to support the joint warfighter in mission execution and force protection.⁶⁴

10. Program Executive Officer (PEO) Space Systems

The Program Executive Officer for Space Systems (PEO Space Systems) is a Navy Echelon II acquisition organization chartered by the secretary of the Navy to manage and procure narrowband communications satellites in support of the Department of Defense (DoD). The PEO Space Systems organization was formally established 5 May 2004. The PEO Space Systems Headquarters staff is located in Chantilly, Virginia, with additional staff members located in San Diego, California.

The PEO Space Systems mission is to develop, acquire, integrate, produce, launch, test, and provide operational support to reliable, affordable, flexible, effective, and seamless space systems that support DoD and U.S. Agencies to enable joint, coalition, combined, and Naval operations. The PEO Space Systems coordinates all Department of the Navy (DoN) space research, development, and acquisition activities.

The PEO Space System reports to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition (ASN(RDA)) for executing acquisition responsibilities for assigned programs. The PEO Space Systems provides executive management and oversight to the Communications Satellite Program Office (PMW-146) for assigned Leased Satellite (LEASAT), Ultra High Frequency (UFO) Follow-On (UFO), and Mobile User Objective System (MUOS) satellite communications (SATCOM) programs. Additionally, the PEO Space Systems serve as the DoN's space program executive officer as called for in the DoD National Security Space Acquisition Policy (NSSAP) 03-01, reporting to the Under Secretary of the Air Force as DoD Executive Agent for Space and Milestone Decision Authority for major space acquisition

⁶⁴ Department of the Navy. *Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Center San Diego*. <http://www.spawar.navy.mil/sandiego/>. June 2007.

matters and programs. The PEO Space Systems reports to the chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and Commandant Marine Corps (CMC), through the Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR), for matters pertaining to in-service support for its assigned programs. The Program Executive Officer also provides a unique interface to other national security space organizations through his concurrent assignments as Commander, SPAWAR Space Field Activity (SSFA) and as Director, Communications Directorate, National reconnaissance Office (NRO), enabling a continuing partnership and effective integration of space systems expertise and best practices across the Navy-DoD-Intelligence Community interface.⁶⁵

Figure 2, below, diagrams the command and acquisition relationship of major Navy organizations in the larger national space community.

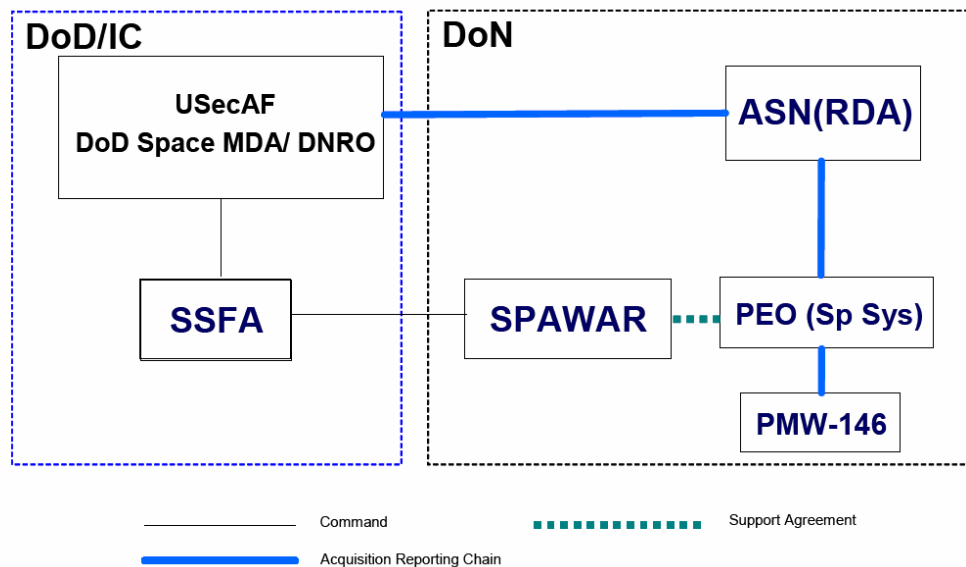


Figure 2. PEO Space Systems in the Context of Space Systems Acquisition

11. Navy Communications Satellite Program Office (PMW-146)

The mission of the Navy's Communications Satellite Program Office (PMW-146) is to acquire space based communications systems for the fleet and joint users. The Joint Chiefs of Staff's Joint Vision 2020 and

⁶⁵ Department of the Navy. *PEO Space Systems Missions Statement*. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. <http://enterprise.spawar.navy.mil/body.cfm?type=c&category=26&subcat=54>. May 2007.

Chief of Naval Operations' Information Technology for the 21st Century (IT-21) provide the strategic direction for future acquisitions. PMW-146 is the Navy's only major buyer of communications satellites, building on a strong and successful heritage of the Navy in Space, including FLTSAT, LEASAT, and the UHF Follow-On (UFO) programs. PMW-146 is continuing to satisfy the warfighters' emerging communication requirements using innovative military and commercial technology advances. Launching one more UFO satellite in 2003, the present UFO constellation will continue to provide UHF, SHF, EHF communications and Ka Global Broadcast Service well into the new millennium. PMW-146 is a dynamic example of acquisition reform and a proven award winning advocate of commercial partnering and cooperative ventures to streamline acquisition.⁶⁶

12. National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)

The NRO designs, builds and operates the nation's reconnaissance satellites. NRO products, provided to an expanding list of customers like the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Department of Defense (DoD), can warn of potential trouble spots around the world, help plan military operations, and monitor the environment. As part of the 16-member Intelligence Community, the NRO plays a primary role in achieving information superiority for the U. S. Government and Armed Forces. A DoD agency, the NRO is staffed by DoD and CIA personnel. It is funded through the National Reconnaissance Program, part of the National Foreign Intelligence Program.⁶⁷

13. Naval Research Laboratory (NRL)

NRL is the corporate research laboratory for the Navy and Marine Corps and conducts a broad program of scientific research, technology and advanced development. NRL has served the Navy and the nation for over 80 years and continues to meet the complex technological challenges of today's world. The NRL has five site locations, all of which work to field new, innovative technologies for the fleet.⁶⁸

⁶⁶ Department of the Navy. *PMW-146 Mission Statement*. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. 31 May 2007. http://enterprise.spawar.navy.mil/pd14/PMW146/Mission/mission_statement.htm

⁶⁷ National Reconnaissance Office. *NRO Vision and Mission Statement*. <http://www.nro.gov/>. May 2007.

⁶⁸ Department of the Navy. *NRL Missions Statement*. Naval Research Lab. <http://www.nrl.navy.mil/content.php?P=MISSION>. June 2007.

14. Navy Center for Space Technology (NCST)

In its role to preserve and enhance a strong space technology base and provide expert assistance in the development and acquisition of space systems that support naval missions, the activities in Naval Center for Space Technology extend from basic and applied research through advanced development in all areas of interest to the Navy Space program. These activities include developing spacecraft, systems using these spacecraft, and ground command and control stations. Principal functions of the Center include understanding and clarifying requirements; recognizing and prosecuting promising research and development; analyzing and testing systems to quantify their capabilities; developing operational concepts that exploit new technical capabilities; system engineering to allocate design requirements to subsystems; and engineering development and initial operation to test and evaluate selected spacecraft subsystems and systems. The Center is a focal point and integrator for those divisions at NRL whose technologies are used in space systems. The Center also provides systems engineering and technical direction assistance to system acquisition managers of major space systems. In this role, technology transfer is a major goal and motivates a continuous search for new technologies and capabilities and the development of prototypes that demonstrate the integration of such technologies.⁶⁹

B. CONCEPTS

1. Sea Power 21

The 21st century is clearly characterized by dangerous uncertainty and conflict. In this unpredictable environment, military forces will be required to defeat a growing range of conventional and asymmetric threats.

"Sea Power 21" is the Navy's vision to align, organize, integrate, and transform to meet the challenges that lie ahead. It requires us to continually and aggressively reach. It is global in scope, fully joint in execution, and dedicated to transformation. It reinforces and expands concepts being pursued by the other services—long-range strike; global intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; expeditionary maneuver warfare; and light, agile ground forces—to generate maximum combat power from the joint team.

⁶⁹ Department of the Navy. *Navy Center for Space Technology Mission Statement*. Naval Research Lab. <http://www.ncst.nrl.navy.mil/HomePage/Mission.html>. June 2007.

"Sea Power 21" will employ current capabilities in new ways, introduce innovative capabilities as quickly as possible, and achieve unprecedented maritime power. Decisive warfighting capabilities from the sea will be built around:

Sea Strike—expanded power projection that employs networked sensors, combat systems, and warriors to amplify the offensive impact of sea-based forces;

Sea Shield—global defensive assurance produced by extended homeland defense, sustained access to littorals, and the projection of defensive power deep overland;

Sea Basing—enhanced operational independence and support for joint forces provided by networked, mobile, and secure sovereign platforms operating in the maritime domain.

ForceNet is the "glue" that binds together Sea Strike, Sea Shield, and Sea Basing. It is the operational construct and architectural framework for naval warfare in the information age, integrating warriors, sensors, command and control, platforms, and weapons into a networked, distributed combat force.

The powerful warfighting capabilities of "Sea Power 21" will ensure our joint force dominates the unified battlespace of the 21st century, strengthening America's ability to assure friends, deter adversaries, and triumph over enemies—anywhere, anytime.⁷⁰

2. Coordinating Authority

The Unified Actions Armed Forces Joint Publication 0-2 defines Coordinating Authority as:

A commander or individual assigned responsibility for coordinating specific functions or activities involving forces of two or more Military Departments, two or more joint force components or two or more forces of the same Service. The commander or individual has the authority to require consultation between the agencies involved, but does not have the authority to compel agreement.⁷¹

⁷⁰ Vern Clark, Admiral, U.S. Navy. *Sea Power 21. Projecting Decisive Joint Capabilities*. Naval Institute Proceedings. October 2002. <http://www.navy.mil/navydata/cno/proceedings.html>. June 2007.

⁷¹ United States. *Joint Publication 0-2: Unified Action Armed Forces (UNAAF)*. Department of Defense, Joint Staff. Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office. GL-6.

3. Space Authority

To facilitate unity of the theater/joint operations area (JOA) space effort, the supported combatant commander or a joint force commander (JFC) may designate a space authority. The space authority will coordinate space operations, integrate space capabilities, and have primary responsibility for in-theater joint space operations planning. The coordinating authority typically will be the joint force air component commander, joint force land component commander, or joint force maritime component commander. In this position, the space authority designated by the JFC will coordinate space support of established objectives and act on behalf of the combatant commander with primary responsibility in theater for joint space operations planning.⁷²

4. Space Coordinating Authority (SCA)

The Joint Force Commander within a specified theater, area of responsibility or operation will delegate space coordinating authority to the component commander with the biggest play and expertise in space. This component commander has always been the Air Force, thus the J/CFACC is usually designated the space coordinating authority within the theater, AOR or operation. The JFC still maintains overall space authority control at the Joint Task Force level. Responsibilities of the SCA include:⁷³

- Determine, deconflict, and prioritize military space requirements for the JTF.
- Recommend appropriate command relationships for space to the JFC.
- Help facilitate space target nomination.
- Maintain space situational awareness.
- Request space inputs from JTF staff and components during planning.
- Ensure optimum interoperability of space assets with coalition forces.
- Recommend JTF military space requirement priorities to JFC.

⁷² United States. Joint Staff. *Joint Publication 3-14: Joint Doctrine for Space Operations*. Department of Defense. p. ix. http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/jel/new_pubs/jp3_14.pdf. June 2007.

⁷³ Department of the Air Force. *Air Force Doctrine Document 2, Operations and Organizations*. Washington D.C.: Government Printing Office, 27 June 2006. pp. 62-63.

5. Joint Warfighting Space (JWS)

The JWS concept features the delivery of responsive space and near-space (i.e., area above the earth from ~ 65,000 to 325,000 feet altitude, sub-orbital) capabilities to directly support the joint force commander (JFC) in a theater across the range of military operations, with emphasis at the operational and tactical warfighting levels. It is envisioned as a rapid reaction, networked set of space and near-space capabilities dedicated to the JFC and integrated with National Security Space (NSS) and organic theater systems.⁷⁴ Figure 3 shows the envisioned JWS concept.

The Joint Warfighter Space organization will require dedicated, knowledgeable and well educated Navy space cadre personnel to ensure Navy needs and requirements are met.

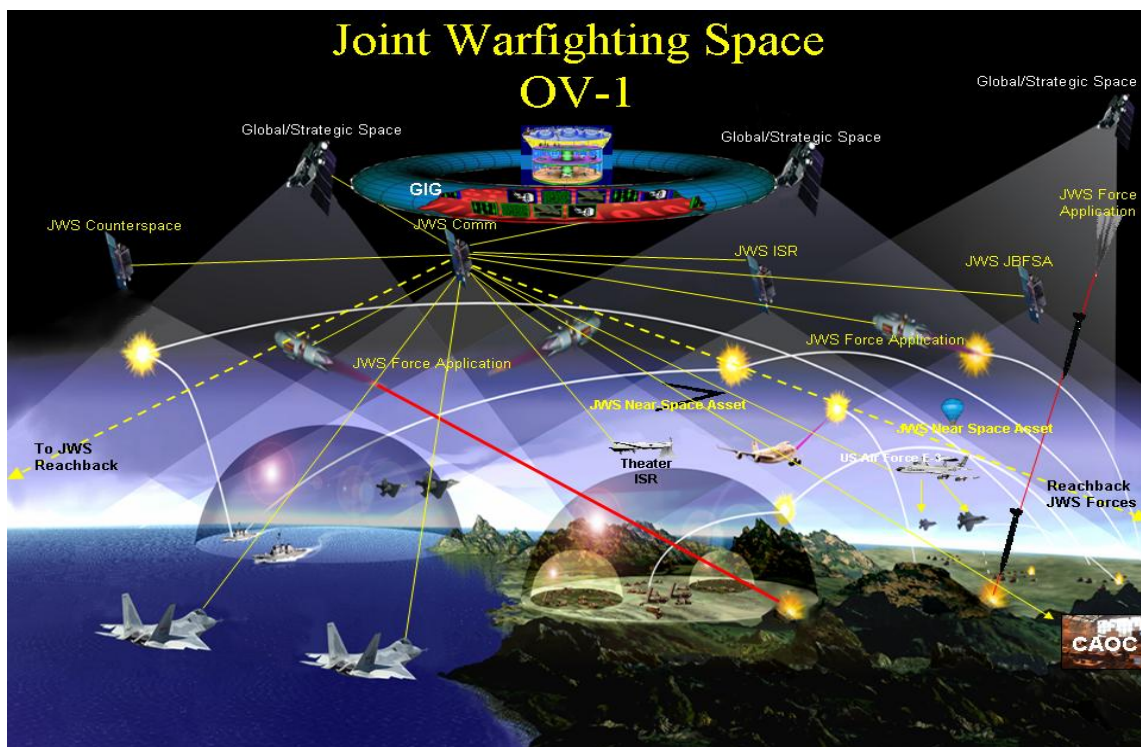


Figure 3. Joint Warfighter Space Operational Vision⁷⁵

⁷⁴ Department of the Air Force. *Operating Concept for Joint Warfighting Space (Draft)*. 13 Jan 2005. p. 1.

⁷⁵ Department of the Air Force. *Operating Concept for Joint Warfighting Space (Draft)*. 13 Jan 2005. p. 15.

6. Space Effects and Space Effects Packages

Though these terms are interpreted in many ways, an effect is simply something designed to produce a distinctive or desired impression. A space effect is the utilization of both space force application and enhancement to provide the warfighter and/or commander with necessary products to ensure mission success. In the Fleet, space effects are outlined and produced through the use of the Space Effects Package (SEP). This SEP is defined within the Fleet Space Handbook as “a systematic process that applies all available Space capabilities to support Strike Group operations.”⁷⁶ The SEP process consists of a Space Assessment and Space Operations Plan.

The Space Assessment considers the following: Space System Status, Space Weather, GPS and SATCOM EMI, and Space Vulnerabilities. The Space Operations Plan takes the Space Assessment and Strike Group mission requirements to tailor a plan for use of all space capabilities to support the mission.⁷⁷

Knowledge gained from exposure to the definitions and concepts that encompass the United States Navy space efforts provides a functional baseline of understanding for future arguments contained in follow-on chapters within this thesis. Comprehension and recognition of space terminology and conceptual ideology are necessary to appreciate the full effect of these arguments. In addition, exposure to the numerous and sometimes confusing Navy space policy documents and instructions is also necessary to ensure desired effects are achieved when pondering the proposed argument of redefining Navy space efforts.

⁷⁶ Department of the Navy. Naval Network Warfare Command. *Fleet Space Handbook*. 8. 2007. p. 13.

⁷⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 13.

III. U.S. NAVY SPACE CAMPAIGN

Between 2003 and 2007, the United States Navy's space efforts have undergone a significant transformation as the organization attempts to maintain space support to the operational maritime domain in a network-centric warfare environment. As stated in the 2005 Naval Space Campaign Plan, "The Naval Space Campaign is operational and aggressive, focused on delivering space capabilities to the warfighter to increase combat effectiveness."⁷⁸ This chapter will investigate the origins and evolution of the Naval Space Campaign, focusing on the policies that help generate it, the current status of the campaign, and the future efforts implied by the Naval Space Campaign.

A. POLICY

1. Background and Current Policies

The evolution of the current Naval Space Campaign can be traced to the 2001 Space Commission findings and the after-effects felt throughout the Department of Defense with regards to those findings. From a doctrine and policy perspective, Department of Defense Directive 5101.2, dated June 3, 2003, designated the Air Force as Department of Defense Executive Agent for Space. Secretary of Defense Memorandum dated October 18, 2001, Subject: National Security Space Management and Organization, tasked Secretaries of the Military Departments to, "maintain a sufficient cadre of space qualified professionals...to ensure each Service retains the ability to develop, plan, program, and acquire space systems uniquely required by individual service missions."⁷⁹ In July 2002, the CNO approved the establishment of a Navy Space Cadre and directed funding for that endeavor.

⁷⁸ Department of the Navy. *Naval Space Campaign Plan 2005-2007 'Space Capabilities for the Warfighter'*. Naval Network Warfare Command. 13 November 2005. pp. 3-4.

⁷⁹ Ibid., p. 4.

a. SECNAVINST 5400.39C (April 6, 2004)

On April 6th, 2004, the Secretary of the Navy officially released the Department of the Navy Space Policy (SECNAVINST 5400.39C):

The United States Navy and Marine Corps must maintain their ability to tactically exploit the capabilities provided by space systems and participate in all appropriate aspects of the changed NSS environment in order to function as an integrated member of the Nation's joint warfighting team...the DoN must continually reassess its approach and investment to ensure that naval forces receive the maximum benefit of space-based capabilities.⁸⁰

The SECNAVINST describes the need for "DoN space requirements to be represented at joint deliberations on future space systems...provide the resources and manpower necessary to formulate, articulate and defend naval requirements for space."⁸¹ It further acknowledged the need for DoN Space representation in the joint processes for space system architecture and requirements development:

To achieve its space goals, the DoN will recruit, educate, qualify, and retain a professional space cadre...DoN Space Cadre personnel will compete for all appropriate senior leadership positions in joint, national, and naval space programs and organizations.⁸²

The instruction also notes that DoN representation must also be present within the joint and National space arena - to include establishing a mutually beneficial relationship with the DoD Executive Agent for Space. To this end, the instruction clearly favors the need for a robust and competent Navy Space Cadre, one capable of accomplishing the above mentioned requirements. Of note, when discussing the Navy's need to acquire, control and fly their own satellites, the instruction states: "*When appropriate*, developing, acquiring, and operating space-based assets and associated

⁸⁰ Department of the Navy. SECNAV Instruction 5400.39C: *Department of Navy Space Policy*. 6 April 2004. p. 2. http://ftp.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/secnavinst/5400_39c.pdf. April 2007.

⁸¹ Ibid., pp. 3-4.

⁸² Ibid., pp. 3-4.

capabilities to satisfy joint, national, or naval operational requirements.”⁸³ Liberal interpretation of this verbiage lends credence to an organizational structure that permits the Navy to focus the majority of its space program efforts on establishing, educating and maintaining a robust Navy Space Cadre, even at the expense of operating its own space-based assets - identified as relevant only ‘when appropriate’ in this instruction.

b. CJCSI 6250.01B (May 28, 2004)

This Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction outlines the use and management of all DoD SATCOM. Explicit in the instruction is direction to the Services regarding use and management of DoD controlled communication satellites. It mandates impartial treatment and consideration for use of assets and prohibits the notion that the more satellites an individual Service acquires or operates, the more SATCOM time and allocation they will receive. “This instruction provides high-level, operational policy, guidance and procedures for the planning, management, employment and use of satellite communications (SATCOM) resources for the Department of Defense.”⁸⁴ The instruction also provides a SATCOM priority table in which the Joint Chiefs of Staff directs the precedence of use for communication satellites. Again, no preference in operation is given to the agency holding asset ownership.

c. Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy (December 2004)

“Successful application of space in the Navy translates to a healthy and robust Navy Space Cadre.”⁸⁵ In response to the SECNAVINST 5400.39C directive for the establishment of a Navy Space Cadre, in December of 2004, the DoN released its Human Capital Strategy for the implementation of this new cadre.

⁸³ Department of the Navy. SECNAV Instruction 5400.39C: *Department of Navy Space Policy*. 6 April 2004. pp. 3-4. http://ftp.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/secnavinst/5400_39c.pdf. April 2007. Emphasis added.

⁸⁴ Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. CJCSI 6250.01B: *Satellite Communications*. 28 May 2004. p. 1.

⁸⁵ Department of the Navy. *Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy, Version 1.1*. 27. Naval Network Warfare Command. December 2004. p. 1.

This HCS supports and complements the National Security Space's Human Capital Resource Strategy (HCRS) dated February 2004 and the DoN HCS dated June 2004. The objective of the Space Cadre HCS is to groom and shape the workforce to fill major decision-making positions across the Navy, Joint, and National Security Space assessment, requirements, science & technology/research & development, acquisition, and operational arena in order to maximize return on investment in meeting evolving Naval requirements...Proper management and placement of Navy Space Cadre personnel will allow the Navy to gain huge return on investment and leverage more than \$12B per year spent on unclassified space systems by the Air Force and other services.⁸⁶

d. OPNAVINST 5400.43 (May 20, 2005)

This CNO instruction was implemented to establish procedures and clarify roles and responsibilities for implementing the Department of the Navy Space Policy per SECNAVINST 5400.39C.⁸⁷ Contained within the discussion section of this instruction is the description of the Navy Space Cadre. "Success is dependent on a solid foundation of Space Cadre and a forward leaning Navy Space Team that actively coordinates Navy space needs, priorities, and innovative capabilities within the Navy, the wider NSS and the civil space community."⁸⁸

The policy set forth in OPNAVINST 5400.43 consists of three distinctive sections – the Navy will:

- i) Integrate the essential capabilities provided by space systems at every appropriate level throughout the naval force;
- ii) Shape the outcome of joint deliberations on future space capabilities to ensure the combat effectiveness of naval force; and
- iii) Recruit, educate, qualify, and retain a professional space cadre.⁸⁹

⁸⁶ Department of the Navy. *Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy, Version 1.1*. Naval Network Warfare Command. 27 December 2004. p.2.

⁸⁷ Department of the Navy. OPNAVINST 5400.43A *Navy Space Policy Implementation*. 12 February 2007. p. 2.
<https://doni.daps.dla.mil/Directives/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fDirectives%2f05000%20General%20Management%20Security%20and%20Safety%20Services%2f05%2d400%20Organization%20and%20Functional%20Support%20Services>. May 2007.

⁸⁸ Ibid., p. 3.

⁸⁹ Ibid., p. 3.

The Deputy CNO (Manpower and Personnel/CNO N1) is responsible for managing the Navy Space Cadre to include designating the Navy Space Cadre Advisor to act in a virtual community manager role for the Space Cadre. Naval Network Warfare Command is responsible for review and formulation of Navy Space Policy, oversight of Navy space activities, and is designated as the Space Type Commander and Space Functional Authority per SECNAVINST 5400.39C. NETWARCOM is also responsible for developing, maintaining and overseeing the Navy Space Human Capital Strategy...coordinating with the fleet on best distribution of space expertise in afloat billets. Furthermore, this instruction identifies NETWARCOM as the United States Navy functional component to USSTRATCOM for Space. Supporting USSTRATCOM functional component for JFCC Space as required.⁹⁰ The wording of this instruction suggests a number of interpretations. One suggestion is a clear and unmistakable requirement for an established, educated and robust Navy Space Cadre. Less concrete is direction provided regarding Navy requirements or benefits to be gained from internal acquisition and operation of space systems.

On February 12, 2007 the CNO released OPNAVINST 5400.43A. Only a few changes were added to the original instruction, primarily focusing on space effects integration into the FORCEnet architecture.

e. Naval Space Campaign Plan 2005-2007 (November 13, 2005)

The Naval Space Campaign Plan was published in an effort to further clarify and officially establish the Navy's policy and guidance with regards to naval space efforts.

The Naval Space Campaign is fleet-centric, designed to improve space processes across the naval enterprise. To best accomplish this, Naval Space Campaign efforts are synchronized with naval space strategy development and the Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy. The Naval Space Campaign serves as a forcing function for the naval space

⁹⁰ Department of the Navy. OPNAVINST 5400.43A *Navy Space Policy Implementation*. 12 February 2007. p. 8.
<https://doni.daps.dla.mil/Directives/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fDirectives%2f05000%20General%20Management%20Security%20and%20Safety%20Services%2f05%2d400%20Organization%20and%20Functional%20Support%20Services>. May 2007.

strategy and is dependent upon the space cadre human capital strategy to put the right space skill set in the right place at the right time.⁹¹

The objectives contained within the plan are critical to the current and future success of fleet operations around the globe.⁹²

- Develop Maritime-specific Space Requirements: Develop space requirements based on current capabilities and limitations of space systems.
- Satisfy Maritime Requirements: Ensure space systems provided by the EA for Space and National Security Space sector provide desired effects to meet maritime requirements, and provide feedback through the Naval Capabilities Development Process if they do not.
- Increase Space Knowledge: Promote a better understanding in the fleet of how space-provided effects support maritime operations and scheme of maneuver.
- Improve Combat Effectiveness: Improve fleet combat effectiveness with smarter, more aggressive use of space-based capabilities, focusing on maximizing effects for the Carrier Strike Group.
- Improve Human Capital: Cultivate Navy Space Cadre expertise for assignment into joint space and National Security Space (NSS) billets.
- Ingrain Cultural Change: Harvest space-related best practices from Naval Space Campaign lessons learned and institutionalize them through doctrine and policy.
- Understand Space System Vulnerabilities: Ensure Navy seniors understand the vulnerabilities of space systems and mitigation options.

Like the OPNAV and SECNAV Instructions, the Navy Space Campaign Plan does not explicitly mention the requirement for the U.S. Navy to acquire, operate, control or perform management of narrow-band communications satellites or resources.

The foundation of the Naval Space Campaign is the expertise and professional knowledge of the Navy and Marine Corps Space Cadre. Success is dependent on a solid foundation of Navy Space Cadre...that

⁹¹ Department of the Navy. *Naval Space Campaign Plan 2005-2007 'Space Capabilities for the Warfighter'*. Naval Network Warfare Command. 13 November 2005. pp. 3-4.

⁹² Ibid., p. 8.

actively coordinates naval space needs, priorities, and innovative capabilities with the Navy, Marine Corps, the wider NSS and the civil space community.⁹³

NETWARCOM is currently working on a “Navy Space Concept of Operations” (CONOPS) document that will supersede the Navy Space Campaign Plan. This document is currently in draft format and not available for public consumption.

f. U.S. National Space Policy (August 31, 2006)

“The president authorized a new national space policy on August 31, 2006 that establishes overarching national policy that governs the conduct of U.S. space activities.”⁹⁴ Just like the SECNAVINST 5400.39C, OPNAVINST 5400.43 and the Naval Space Campaign Plan, the President ordered the development of space professionals to ensure the United States continues to sustain excellence within the dominion of space. “Develop Space Professionals...Department and agencies that conduct space related activities shall establish standards and implement activities to develop and maintain highly skilled, experienced, and motivated space professionals within their workforce.”⁹⁵

2. Positive Aspects of the Navy’s Space Policy

There are many constructive features in the prose of recent Navy Space documents and policies: Establishment of a Navy Space TYCOM; Establishment of the Navy Space Cadre; Increases in space effects awareness throughout the fleet; Inception of the CSG Space Officer; and initial publication of the Fleet Space Handbook.

The designation of NETWARCOM as the Navy’s Space Type Commander has the potential to be a significant step forward for Navy space efforts in the presence of a space-savvy commander. As a three-star admiral, NETWARCOM has more influence

⁹³Department of the Navy. *Naval Space Campaign Plan 2005-2007 ‘Space Capabilities for the Warfighter’*. Naval Network Warfare Command. 13 November 2005. p. 14.

⁹⁴ United States. *United States National Space Policy*. 31 August 2006. <http://www.ostp.gov/html/US%20National%20Space%20Policy.pdf>. May 2007. p. 1.

⁹⁵ Ibid., p 3.

than has been previously fielded in the Naval space community. This promotion of command allows for greater representation of Navy space efforts not only in the naval arena, but in the joint and national space environment as well.

Another positive aspect to the composition and publication of these policy documents is that both SECNAVINST 5400.39C and OPNAVINST 5400.43 provide the naval forces much-needed definition of responsibilities with regards to Naval space activities. Supporting that guidance is the creation and direction of the Navy Space Cadre. The Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy and the Naval Space Campaign Plan both outline the need for a vigorous and hearty Navy Space Cadre and enunciate the benefits that could be realized with the development of this type of core space proponent.

Finally, the policies paved the way for the first-ever CSG Space Officer. The results of this experiment have not been officially released, but preliminary indications point to notable successes for the implementation of space effects at the operational level, and validation of the concept of a “space-enabled staff.”⁹⁶

3. Negative Aspects of the Navy’s Space Policy

The Navy’s space policies and plans lack sufficient clarity as to the current structure, status, ownership and operation of Navy controlled satellites. Further, there are omissions regarding the articulation of naval usage and allocation of unclassified space assets, to include commercial communications satellites. Though not always contained in high-level policy, correction of these omissions could have been incorporated within the Naval Space Campaign Plan 2005-2007 as an effort to provide the target audience with an opportunity to understand the current and future status of naval space activity.

Another shortcoming in the campaign is the absence of a consolidated Navy space command and control architecture. Confusion and uncertainty are rampant when trying to discern a possible flow of command and control for operations, effects, acquisition and requirements definition.

⁹⁶ Zigmund Leszczynski, Commander, U.S. Navy. *EISENHOWER Strike Group (IKESG) End-of-Deployment Report, Space Segment*. Carrier Strike Group 8. May 2007.

These policies are also lacking significantly in direct guidance relating to an implementation strategy for the establishment and maintenance of a robust Navy Space Cadre. The Naval Space Campaign Plan, DoD Directive 5101.2 (DoD Executive Agent for Space), OPNAV Instruction 5400.43 (Navy Space Policy Implementation) and SECNAV Instruction 5400.39 (Department of the Navy Space Policy) all mandate a “sufficient cadre of space-qualified personnel”, but no instruction is given regarding the execution of that objective.

Similarly, insufficient instruction and guidance in the realm of joint space endeavors are available. Though not clearly identified as critical to the service, the Navy’s role in the joint space sector is worthy of at least honorary mention. Again the Navy’s space policies, procedures and instructions are deficient in their ability to provide guidance and direction in the joint space effort. This is one of the greatest shortcomings of the Navy’s space policy as the entire DoD conducts business within the joint-centric arena.

These failings in policy pose an impediment to the success of the Navy Space Campaign. The lack of guidance and direction, in conjunction with platitudes regarding network centric warfare and party-line rhetoric, needs to be addressed and reevaluated by senior Navy leadership. In order to assure success in current and future Navy Space operations, leadership must jump-start space requirements and processes with a critical revision of Naval Space policy.

B. NAVY SPACE CAMPAIGN COMMAND AND CONTROL CONSTRUCT

Though the SECNAV and OPNAV instructions mentioned above clearly define the roles and responsibilities of those directorates which control the different space elements, the overall Navy-wide space Command and Control (C²) hierarchy and organizational graphic representation have never been formally published. The current C² for Navy space is one of the most perplexing, splintered and continually evolving of all force architectures under the purview of the U.S. Navy. Figure 4, below, is a

simplified reporting structure specific to the Naval Satellite Operations Center, and represents one of the only historical command relationship organization charts available in this field.

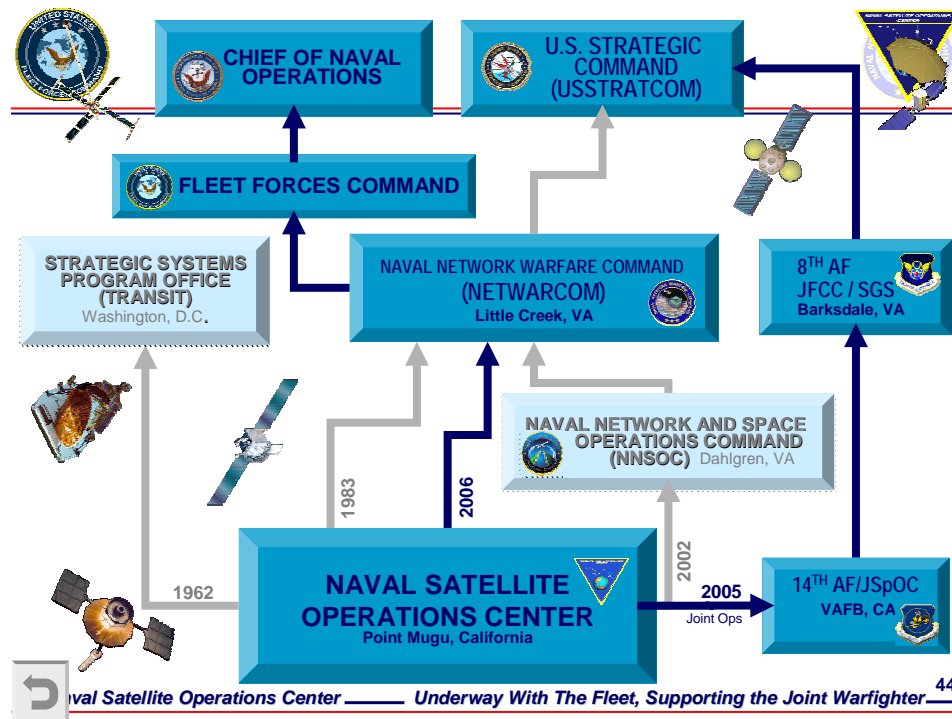


Figure 4. C² Historical Flow Chart for the Naval Satellite Operations Center⁹⁷

This diagram illustrates the transformation of just one of the numerous Navy space components.

Instead of spotlighting the traditional C² methods within the Navy space realm, the next section will focus on the C² of Space effects in an effort to understand how those effects get to the warfighter and how Navy Space Cadre representation within that C² structure plays a critical role in the success of naval space effects. “Knowledge of how space effects get to the CSG and ESG is critical to ensuring warfighters have required space effects.”⁹⁸ Figure 5 (below) shows the current C² flow for supplying space effects

⁹⁷ Paul M. Insch, Captain, U.S. Navy. *NAVSOC Command Brief*. Naval Satellite Operations Center. PowerPoint Brief. June 2006. Slide 44.

⁹⁸Department of the Navy. *Naval Space Campaign Plan 2005-2007 ‘Space Capabilities for the Warfighter’*. Naval Network Warfare Command. 13 November 2005. p. 10.

to the operational naval warfighter. CSG-8, the fleet Executive Agent for the Navy Space Campaign, returned from a milestone deployment in May of 2007, during which they used this structure to ensure that space effects were maximized.

CSG-8 C2 Space Effects Operational Flow

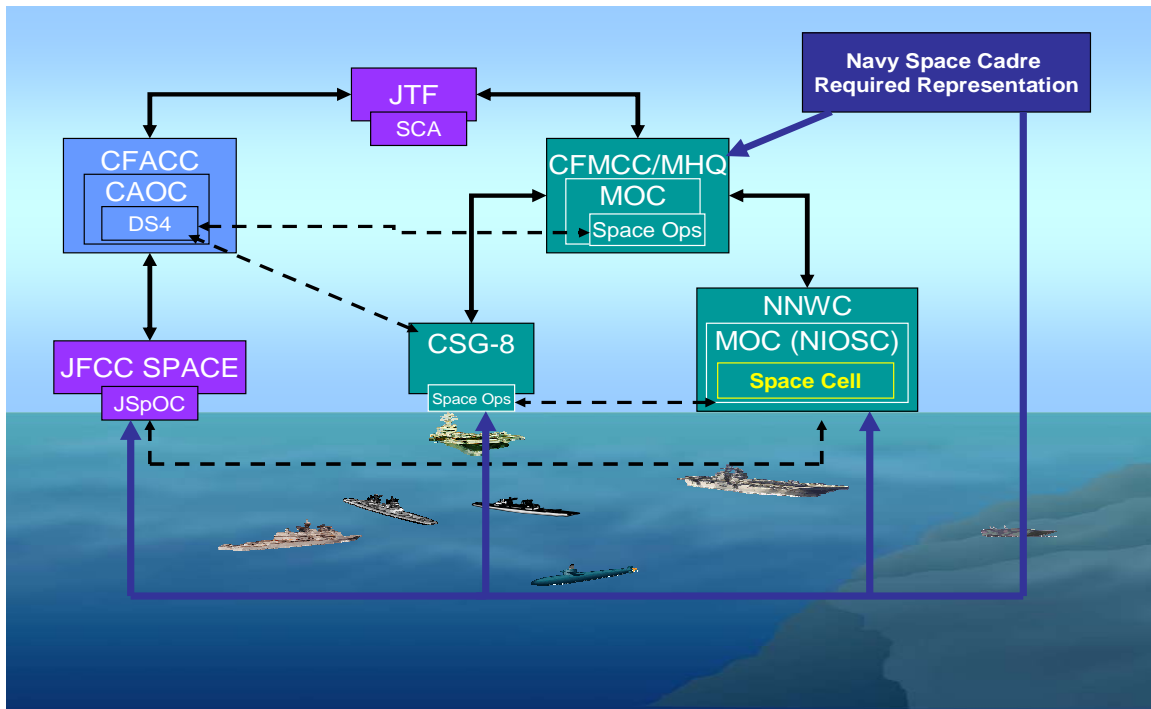


Figure 5. CSG-8 C2 Space Effects Operational Flow Chart modified by authors to reflect Navy Space Cadre Representation Requirements⁹⁹

The official End-of-Deployment Report for CSG-8 is a classified document published and located on the SIPRNET CSG-8 homepage. The lessons learned from this endeavor will be incorporated in the new Navy Space CONOPS tentatively scheduled to be released by the end of 2007. The benefits from this C2 Space Effects construct were identified as essential to CSG-8's incorporation of space effects into daily operations.

CSG-8/IKESG has benefited greatly from our journey as the fleet EA for space. We are smarter towards our use of space capabilities and better recognize our vulnerabilities in that regard as well. As such we are better prepared to prevail in conflict. While deployed in the CENTCOM AOR,

⁹⁹ Julie Niedermaier, Commander, U.S. Navy. *Navy Space Cadre Update (SSFA Space Indoctrination)*. PowerPoint Brief. March 2007. Slide 19.

Commander, IKESG could say with confidence that every bit of space capability available was brought to bear in support of designated operational events.¹⁰⁰

It is important to note that the success of this C² construct and the accomplishments of CSG-8 rely heavily on the use and proper staging of Navy Space Cadre members – Navy Space personnel in the right place at the right time.

C. FUTURE ENDEAVORS

One of the major upcoming milestones for the Naval Space Campaign is to officially publish and employ the Fleet Space Operations CONOPS. Some of the delay in the processing and publication is due to NETWARCOM's desire to include CSG-8 experiences and post deployment lessons learned into the CONOPS.¹⁰¹ Further ventures for the Navy Space Campaign include:

- NIOSC Support through ESG/CSG Work-ups
- Formalization of Navy Space Education and Training
- Space in Turnaround Training Plans (TTP)
- Warfare Commander's Conference
- CSG Space Operations Course
- NSSI Billets dedicated to CSG/ESG Training
- Formalization of Space "Play" in CSG/ESG Fleet Response Training Plan
- Master Scenario Event List (MSEL)/Naval Mission Essential Tasks (NMET) development with Strike Force Training, Atlantic
- Formalization of space "Play" in all Navy exercises
- Posturing to make Joint Forces Maritime Component Commander (JFMCC) the Theater Space Coordinating Authority

Just as the Department of Defense is undergoing a transformation process, so is the Navy's Space Campaign. Within the current construct of the campaign lies the foundation for the Navy Space Cadre, the establishment of a Navy Space TYCOM and

¹⁰⁰ Zigmund Leszczynski, Commander, U.S. Navy. *EISENHOWER Strike Group (IKESG) End-of-Deployment Report, Space Segment*. Carrier Strike Group 8. May 2007.

¹⁰¹ Julie Niedermaier, Commander, U.S. Navy. *Navy Space Cadre Update (SSFA Space Indoctrination)*. PowerPoint Brief. March 2007. Slide 20.

the first ever CSG Staff Space Officer. The shortfalls associated with the current campaign reside in its lack of an implementation strategy, ambiguity of intent for Navy space usage, and the Navy's role in the joint space environment. Good, bad or otherwise, the Navy Space Campaign is underway, and only through sound decision making and aggressive leadership will the Navy space community be able to navigate through the troubled waters that lie ahead.

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IV. NAVY SPACE CADRE

The Navy space cadre was founded by order of the Secretary of the Navy on April 6th, 2004¹⁰² as a response to the July 2003 Department of Defense Directive 5101.2, which mandated that:

The Heads of the DoD Components shall:

Develop and maintain a sufficient cadre of space-qualified personnel to support their Component in space planning, programming, acquisition, and operations. Support the DoD Executive Agent for Space with space cadre personnel to represent their Component in DoD-wide planning, programming, and acquisition activities.¹⁰³

The creation of the Navy Space Cadre has been established in a parallel but unequal effort with the Air Force, Army and Marine Corps Space Cadres. The differences among the service efforts in constructing their organizations of “space experts” is instructive as to the assessed cost-benefit relation that each branch assigns to its use of space, and relative leadership understanding of the impact of space effects.

This chapter examines the continuing formation of the Navy’s Space Cadre, its expected roles in the National Security Space arena, and a comparison with the organization, roles and responsibilities of the other services’ Space Cadres.

A. ORIGIN

1. DoD-wide Policy

The 2001 “Commission to Assess United States National Security Space Management and Organization” (otherwise known as the ‘2001 Rumsfeld Space Commission,’ or ‘2001 Space Commission’) kicked off the most recent round of reorganization within the U.S. Department of Defense Space Community with the following focus and statements:

¹⁰² Department of the Navy. SECNAV Instruction 5400.39C: *Department of the Navy Space Policy*. 6 April 2004.

¹⁰³ United States. Department of Defense Directive 5101.2, *DoD Executive Agent for Space*. July 2003. Section 6.3.5. <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/html/510102.htm>. June 2007.

The Commission examined the role of organization and management in developing and implementing national-level guidance and in establishing requirements, acquiring and operating systems, and planning, programming and budgeting for national security space capabilities. The review concentrated on intelligence and military space operations as they relate to the needs of the national leadership as well as the needs of the military in conducting air, land and sea operations and independent space operations.

... while organization and management are important, the critical need is national leadership to elevate space on the national security agenda.¹⁰⁴

The same document reaches the following conclusion on the subject of organization and management:

Second, the U.S. Government—in particular, the Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community—is not yet arranged or focused to meet the national security space needs of the 21st century. Our growing dependence on space, our vulnerabilities in space and the burgeoning opportunities from space are simply not reflected in the present institutional arrangements. After examining a variety of organizational approaches, the Commission concluded that a number of disparate space activities should promptly be merged, chains of command adjusted, lines of communication opened and policies modified to achieve greater responsibility and accountability. Only then can the necessary trade-offs be made, the appropriate priorities be established and the opportunities for improving U.S. military and intelligence capabilities be realized. Only with senior-level leadership, when properly managed and with the right priorities will U.S. space programs both deserve and attract the funding that is required.¹⁰⁵

Finally, the following “U.S Objective for Space” is stated:

5. Create and Sustain a Cadre of Space Professionals

Since its inception, a hallmark of the U.S. space program has been worldclass (sic.) scientists, engineers and operators from academic institutions, industry, government agencies and the military Services. Sustained excellence in the scientific and engineering disciplines is

¹⁰⁴ United States. *Report of the Commission to Assess United States National Security Space Management and Organization*. Department of Defense. 12 January 2001. p. 5. <http://www.dod.mil/pubs/spaceintro.pdf>. June 2007.

¹⁰⁵ Ibid., p. 9. This is the second conclusion of five unanimous “matters of key importance” that the authors of the commission reached.

essential to the future of the nation's national security space program. It cannot be taken for granted. Military space professionals will have to master highly complex technology; develop new doctrine and concepts of operations for space launch, offensive and defensive space operations, power projection in, from and through space and other military uses of space; and operate some of the most complex systems ever built and deployed. To ensure the needed talent and experience, the Department of Defense, the Intelligence Community and the nation as a whole must place a high priority on intensifying investments in career development, education and training to develop and sustain a cadre of highly competent and motivated military and civilian space professionals.¹⁰⁶

Taken together, these positions and statements, as well as other recommendations contained within the 2001 Space Commission document, resulted in Department of Defense Directive 5101.2, released on 3 June 2003. DoDD 5101.2 re-established the Secretary of the Air Force as the Executive Agent for Space (first specified in 1961, DoDD 5160.32, cancelled in 1970) and mandated the creation of individual service component Space Cadres to:

...support their Component in space planning, programming, acquisition, and operations. Support the DoD Executive Agent for Space with space cadre personnel to represent their Component in DoD-wide planning, programming, and acquisition activities.¹⁰⁷

2. The Navy Response

The Navy ostensibly got the jump on the 2003 DoD Directive, with Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Vern Clark approving creation of a “cross-community” Navy Space Cadre in July 2002, following the 2001 Space Commission report. The intent of the Navy Space Cadre effort has been, from the beginning, to function as a strict subspecialty occupation, subordinate to the primary warfare designation or functional area to which the personnel were assigned. The “cross-community” nature of this establishment was proposed as analogous to the Defense Acquisition Community,¹⁰⁸

¹⁰⁶ United States. *Report of the Commission to Assess United States National Security Space Management and Organization*. Department of Defense. 12 January 2001. p. 18. <http://www.dod.mil/pubs/spaceintro.pdf>. June 2007.

¹⁰⁷ United States. Department of Defense Directive 5101.2, *DoD Executive Agent for Space*. July 2003. Section 6.3.5. <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/html/510102.htm>. June 2007.

where expertise in the field is acquired through formal educational opportunities and the members of the community move back and forth between tours with their parent warfighting community and tours in the space arena. While consistent with other Navy “subspecialty communities” this method of organization differs substantially from the methods used by the other military services.

The human resources approach to the Space Cadre in the Navy has unfortunately led to a lack of organizational momentum and resultant deficiencies in Human Capital Strategy. These deficiencies were most critically noted in an August 2004 GAO report on the development of Space Personnel.¹⁰⁹ This GAO report identifies Department of Defense efforts in developing and implementing an integration plan for national security space personnel as inadequate, and varying widely by service. More specifically, the 2004 GAO report states that:

The Air Force and Marine Corps have taken significant actions to develop and manage their space cadres; however, the Army’s and Navy’s actions have been limited because these two services do not have clear goals and objectives for their space cadres or focal points designated to manage the cadres.”¹¹⁰

Absence of goals, objectives, and focused action were further identified in the GAO report as stemming from the non-centralized nature of the Navy Space Cadre. The basic concept of space expertise spread across the full variety of Navy warfighting specialties is perceived within the Navy as promoting flexibility and supporting existing promotion paths and policies within individual Space Cadre members’ parent communities.¹¹¹ Unfortunately, at that time, in 2004, more than two years after the

¹⁰⁸ Victor See, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy. *CHIPS Interview*. CHIPS. January 2006. http://www.chips.navy.mil/archives/06_Jan/web_pages/RADM_SEE.htm. June 2007.

¹⁰⁹ United States. *Report to Congressional Committees: Defense Space Activities: Additional Actions Needed to Implement Human Capital Strategy and Develop Space Personnel*. Government Accountability Office. August 2004. <http://www.gao.gov/new.itmes/d04697.pdf>. June 2007.

¹¹⁰ *Ibid.*, p. 3.

¹¹¹ Victor See, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy. *CHIPS Interview*. CHIPS. January 2006. http://www.chips.navy.mil/archives/06_Jan/web_pages/RADM_SEE.htm. June 2007. and: United States. *Transcript of House Armed Services Committee Hearing No. 108–40, Hearing on Space Cadre/Space Professionals*. House of Representatives. One Hundred Eighth Congress, Second Session. 22 July 2004. p. 18. http://commdocs.house.gov/committees/security/has204290.000/has204290_Of.htm. June 2007.

creation of the Navy Space Cadre, the distributed approach to composition of the organization had failed to achieve any of the organizational goals set forth in the 2001 Rumsfeld Space Commission report. Indeed, Navy efforts to formally organize, educate, certify or manage its space personnel, seemed nonexistent. Vice Admiral James McArthur, the commander of the Naval Network Warfare Command (NETWARCOM)¹¹² at the Space Cadre/Space Professionals House Armed Services Committee hearing on 22 July 2004 was unable to respond in a clear and unambiguous manner to questioning regarding core and critical skills,¹¹³ certification procedures,¹¹⁴ and general organization and leadership of the Navy Space Cadre.

B. COMPARISONS -- OTHER DOD SPACE CADRE

The individual services each approach the issue of their Space Professional communities differently, but the Navy strays farthest from the other three branches. The Navy decision to forego a specific community and designation for space qualified personnel resulted in a dilution of institutional support for the mission, absence of quantifiable processes for the organization, and absence of appropriate funding. Only in the Navy are space-trained personnel not routinely assigned to space-related positions or belong to a Space Cadre that has the authority to assign personnel to specific positions. Instead, Navy Space Cadre members move into space jobs only as their career progression in their parent community permits. Assignment to a space-coded billet is implicitly secondary to the requirements of an individual's warfighting specialty. At the opposite end of the spectrum, the Air Force has an established career path for personnel from initial accession through retirement. Space is considered a career-field unto itself, and therefore has the established policies and procedures that are expected of a standardized organization. This approach, however, has not necessarily yielded a

¹¹² NETWARCOM is the U.S. Navy organization charged with command and control of Navy space efforts and programs.

¹¹³ United States. *Transcript of House Armed Services Committee Hearing No. 108-40, Hearing on Space Cadre/Space Professionals*. House of Representatives. One Hundred Eighth Congress, Second Session. 22 July 2004. p. 18.
http://commdocs.house.gov/committees/security/has204290.000/has204290_0f.htm. June 2007.

¹¹⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 24.

pervasive and uniform level of operational expertise throughout the Air Force's space cadre. The mindset of many Air Force space operators reflects an institutional focus on the term "operational" as pertaining to controlling, maintaining and operating satellites and their attendant systems. Without exposure to kinetic warfare and combat experience, space "operators" can be prone to miss the boat with regards to terrestrial warfighter requirements and needs.¹¹⁵ Remediation of problems caused by this lack of satellite operator warfighting acumen must occur on the ground, usually in theater, through the efforts of experienced space products users like Army FA-40s and Marine Corps Space Cadre members. Perhaps as a consequence of the extreme differences between the Air Force and Navy approaches to space cadre, the Army and Marine Corps take an approach somewhere between these two poles, sourcing their officer space expertise at the mid-grade level, after service in another, more fundamental career track. Both the Marines and Army establish a new Military Occupational Specialty for space-savvy officers, and for Army FA-40s, once assigned to the services' Space Cadre, the remainder of their service time is spent in that functional area. The Army, especially, has developed a robust and integrated program for the use of their FA-40 space cadre members, defining theater-level space support requirements and job descriptions, as well as concepts of operation for organic and attached space team assets.¹¹⁶ This clear and careful establishment of roles and responsibilities for Army space personnel seems to stem not only from Governmental Accountability Office criticism, but also from a degree of frustration with the internal Air Force perception of their own space "operators", the divergent interpretation of the use of the term "operator" and a requirement to meet ground-based needs with space products that they would not otherwise be able to acquire.

¹¹⁵ Bruce H. McClintock, Major, U.S. Air Force. *The Transformation Trinity*. Air University Press, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. 2002. pp .45-49.

¹¹⁶ Daniel P. Arthur, Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy and Dennis G. Wille, Major, U.S. Army. "A Proposed Architecture for Theater Coordination of Global Space Capabilities." Naval Postgraduate School Thesis, Monterey, CA. 2006. pp. 35-41.

1. Government Accountability Office and the Executive Agent for Space

These differences are highlighted in the 2004 GAO report. It focuses on implementation failings in the DoD Space Human Capital Resources Strategy, both at the DoD, as well as individual service levels. The strategy, as published, contained strategic goals and objectives, but did not contain an implementation plan with specific actions, timeframes and goals. The timeframe and release of the DoD Space Human Capital Resources Strategy and the 2004 GAO report bear a close relationship, and examination of the timing and recommendations resemble a ping-pong match:

- Service: February 2004 – DoD Executive Agent for Space releases DoD Space Human Capital Resources Strategy.
- Volley: August 2004 – Government Accountability Office releases report on DoD Space Human Capital Resources Strategy.
- Volley: December 2004 – DoD Executive Agent for Space releases DoD Space Human Capital Resources Implementation Strategy.

The Executive Agent for Space managed to release its Space Human Capital Resources Implementation plan before the close of 2004 - an exceptionally quick response for a policy and doctrine publication. Clearly, the criticisms in the 2004 GAO report were considered valid, important and addressable by the Executive Agent for Space.

The rapid response to the GAO report on the part of the Secretary of the Air Force is indicative of the seriousness which that service (Air Force) approaches space planning and policy. Indeed, the 2004 GAO report is as, if not more, critical of shortcomings in U.S. Navy and Army implementation of Space Cadre planning and execution as it is of the Department of Defense as a whole.

2. The Good...

For comparison, by August 2004, the Air Force had an approved strategic Space Cadre plan with delineated implementation objectives, and was in the neighborhood of completing 90% of their goals – to include:

- Identification of all of the personnel making up the cadre (more than 10,000 members at that time).

- Development and implementation of an education and training program, as well as a progression plan professional development.
- Identification and definition of Space Cadre positions along with certification and educational requirements for those jobs.
- Identification of financial resources for implementation of Space Cadre initiatives.
- Designation of a certification program for personnel.
- Establishment of a permanent space professional management function.¹¹⁷

Similarly, the Marine Corps evidenced a clear institutional understanding of their needs for space-savvy professionals, and the 2004 GAO report details the Marine strategy which includes the following list of ten objectives for developing space professionals:

- Establish an identifiable cadre of space-qualified enlisted and civilian marines.
- Create and staff additional space personnel positions in the operating forces.
- Create and staff additional space positions at national security space organizations.
- Improve space operations professional military education for all Marine Corps officers.
- Focus the graduate education of Marine Corps space operations students to support Marine Corps needs
- Leverage inter-service space training to ensure the development and proficiency of the space cadre
- Develop a management process through which interested officers can be assigned to multiple space-related positions during their careers and still compete for promotion with their peers.
- Develop a process and structure for space professionals in the Marine Corps reserves through which they can support operations, training, and exercises through augmentation and mobilization
- Fully participate in the DoD Executive Agent for Space's efforts to create a space cadre
- Incorporate appropriate space professional certification processes into the management of the Marine Corps' space cadre.¹¹⁸

¹¹⁷ United States. *Report to Congressional Committees: Defense Space Activities: Additional Actions Needed to Implement Human Capital Strategy and Develop Space Personnel*. Government Accountability Office. August 2004. pp. 13-14. <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d04697.pdf>. June 2007.

The Air Force and the Marine Corps could not be more different in their approach to space systems, effects and utilization. The Air Force identifies space as a core competency of the service in general,¹¹⁹ and is responsible for the full spectrum of space-related endeavors, from engineering design and construction of space systems, to the full spectrum of strategic, operational and tactical utilization of those assets. DoD membership in the Air Force Space Cadre currently numbers 7,434, both officer and enlisted ranks. The Marine Corps, by contrast, has a space cadre membership of only 110 active and reserve members (as of September 2005), whose mission it is to provide Marine Corps representation in the requirements definition process for acquisition of space systems, and to leverage space systems in support of Marine Corps missions.¹²⁰ Though startlingly different in scope and service philosophy, the Air Force and Marine Corps' share a critical commonality in their construction of Space Cadres and the composition of their Space Cadre Human Capital Strategies. These two institutions have a clear understanding of the capabilities, roles and requirements of space systems in their respective warfare areas. As a result, they exhibit a fundamental comprehension of what roles they expect their personnel to execute in the management and operation of space-related capabilities, and they plan, staff and spend accordingly.

3. ...the Bad...

In marked contrast to the clear and unobstructed view of the Air Force and Marine Corps with respect to their Space Cadres', the Navy of 2004 was navigating through thick fog, uncertain of where its Space Cadre was destined, much less the roles, missions and tasks required to reach a destination. The document governing Navy Space Cadre efforts

¹¹⁸ United States. *Report to Congressional Committees: Defense Space Activities: Additional Actions Needed to Implement Human Capital Strategy and Develop Space Personnel*. Government Accountability Office. August 2004. pp. 15-16. <http://www.gao.gov/new.itmes/d04697.pdf>. June 2007.

¹¹⁹ United States. Joint Publication 3-33, *Joint Force Capabilities*. Department of Defense. 13 October 1999. pp. vi-vii.

¹²⁰ United States. *Statement of Brigadier General Thomas A. Benes, Director, Strategy and Plans Division, Plans, Policies, and Operation Department, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps*. House Armed Services Committee. Space Budget Activities. 9 March 2005. p. 3. <http://www.globalsecurity.org/space/library/congress/2005_h/050309-benes.pdf>. June 2007. "...leverage warfighting capabilities in Space and Global Strike, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR), Integrated Missile Defense (IMD), and Information Operations."

at that time was a Secretary of the Navy Instruction, SECNAVINST 5400.39C, Department of the Navy Space Policy, released 6 April 2004. This instruction, reflecting the criticism of the 2004 GAO report, contains only policy generalities and platitudes on the subjects of Sea Power 21,¹²¹ the National Security Space organization, and inter-agency relations. It failed to identify critical space billets, required numbers of space personnel, performance measures, required resources and a central organizational manager for the community.

The Army suffered similar criticism in the 2004 GAO report, with gaps identified in centralization of management functions for their cadre, lack of critical billet definition, and identification of civilian and enlisted personnel as Space Cadre members. The Army however, had established a specific and tangible career path for space operations officers, education and training requirements for the same, and had studies underway to identify the proper numbers of these personnel and the billets with the highest fill requirements. As of the summer of 2007, the Army has completed identification of their space cadre personnel and required positions, had studies ongoing to refine training needs, job-task analysis and continues to perform data collection and tracking.¹²²

4. ...and the Ugly

Although not specifically branded by the Government Accountability Office as the DoD component with the most lackluster space-qualified personnel management system, one of the implications of the 2004 GAO report was that the Navy had the farthest to go in developing an effective Space Cadre. Absent any sort of metrics-based space policy, Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy, and concrete, goal based Space Policy, implementation of an effective Navy Space Cadre substantially lagged the other services in meeting the requirements of the DoD Directive 5101.2.

¹²¹ Vern Clark, Admiral, U.S. Navy. *Sea Power 21*. Naval Institute Proceedings. October 2002. <http://www.navy.mil/navydata/cno/proceedings.html>. June 2007.

¹²² Army Space Cadre Space Enabler Nomination and Selection Effort (SENSE). 30 January 2007. TRADOC Pam 525-7-4, Army Space Operations Concept Capability Plan (CCP).

C. GROWTH AND MATURATION OF THE NAVY SPACE CADRE.

1. Navy Space Human Capital Strategy

In response to the criticism and recommendations of the August 2004 GAO report, and the evident problems within the Navy space arena, the Department of the Navy stepped up its efforts to more effectively use its Space Human Capital between 2004 and 2007. Following closely on the heels of the GAO report, in December of 2004, the Navy issued its Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy. This document, while lacking the clarity of (for example) the Marine Corps Space Strategy, expands greatly upon the Department of the Navy Space Policy (SECNAVINST 5400.39C), establishing specific missions and purposes for the Cadre as a whole, identifying membership and makeup of the Navy Space Cadre, specifying membership requirements, limited personnel tracking mechanisms and approximate size, delineating roles and responsibilities for selected Space Cadre leadership positions, and stating specific goals for the strategy. Perhaps most importantly, the Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy clearly identifies the tasks inherent in the following space/space cadre-related positions:

- Functional Authority (Commander, Naval Network Warfare Command)
- Space Cadre Advisor
- Assistant Space Cadre Advisor

Centralization of organization and planning for the Navy Space Cadre, an issue identified as a major topic heading in the August 2004 GAO report,¹²³ achieved an obvious high priority in the Navy's space professional efforts. Appointment of Commander, Naval Network Warfare Command (NNWC) as the Space Cadre Functional Authority effectively ties the implementation of Navy Space Cadre policy and Human

¹²³ United States. *Report to Congressional Committees: Defense Space Activities: Additional Actions Needed to Implement Human Capital Strategy and Develop Space Personnel*. Government Accountability Office. August 2004. p. 18. <http://www.gao.gov/new.itmes/d04697.pdf>. June 2007. Topic heading reads specifically "Navy Has Initiated Steps in Developing Its Space Cadre, but It Has No Strategy or Focal Point."

Capital Strategy to operational requirements at the network, Fleet, and Joint levels.¹²⁴ Moreover, as the heir to the disestablished Naval Space Command, NETWARCOM is the natural functional authority for the “virtual community”¹²⁵ of Navy Space Cadre personnel.

2. Navy Space Cadre Advisor

Identification and selection of the Navy Space Cadre Advisor and the newer Assistant Space Cadre Advisor are evidenced as essential from the standpoint of Navy leadership. To date, all three of the Naval officers that have served as the Space Cadre Advisor have been high-profile, highly-educated, proven performers who brought ambition and drive to the otherwise stagnant Navy efforts at codifying the requirements and responsibilities of the Navy Space Cadre. Composition of the Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy, analysis and enunciation of Navy Space officer billets, construction of a notional career path, integration of reserve officer space experts, identification of Civil Service Component space experts, development of the NNWC MOC Space Cell and development of proposed training pipelines have all occurred between 2004 and 2007. Additionally, fit and fill rates (metrics to identify personnel placed in a job for which they have appropriate training, and to identify the percentage of the total number of Navy Space jobs filled, respectively) for Navy Space Cadre personnel have climbed significantly since the codification of the Navy Space Human Capital Strategy (for a representative Operations-specific example, see Figure 6, below).

¹²⁴ Department of the Navy. OPNAVINST 5400.43A, *Navy Space Policy Implementation*. 12 February 2007. pp. 7-8.
<https://doni.daps.dla.mil/Directives/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fDirectives%2f05000%20General%20Management%20Security%20and%20Safety%20Services%2f05%2d400%20Organization%20and%20Functional%20Support%20Services>. May 2007.

¹²⁵ Department of the Navy. OPNAVINST 5400.43A, *Navy Space Policy Implementation*. 12 February 2007. p. 3.
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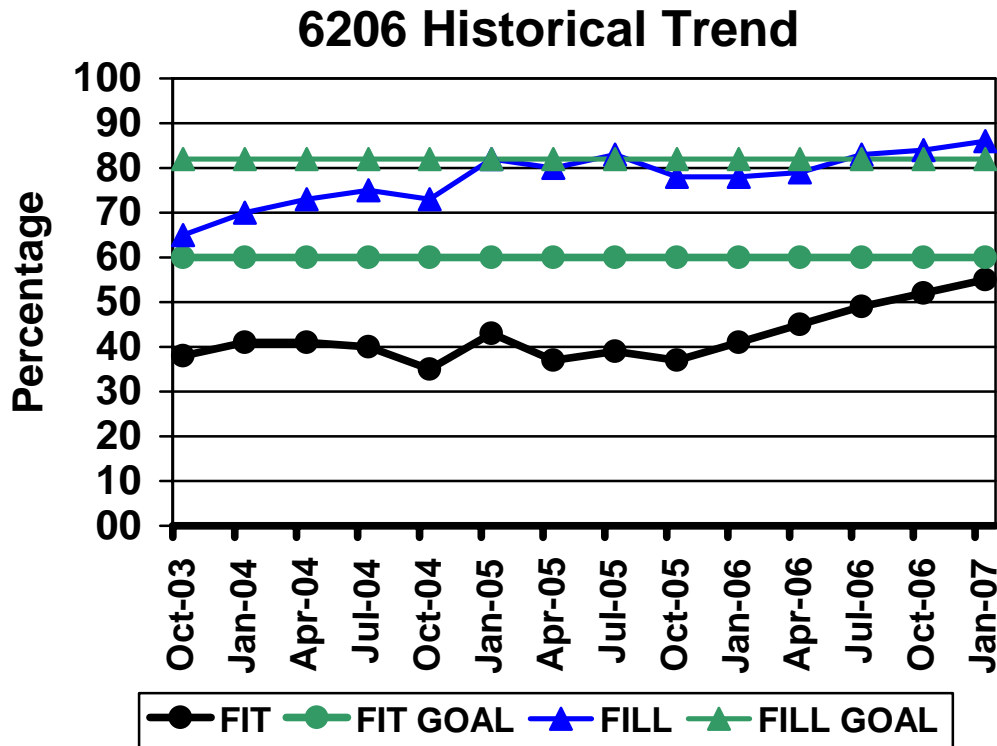


Figure 6. Space Systems Operations Subspecialty Historical Fit and Fill Rates.¹²⁶

3. Shortfalls

The Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy does not, however, address the following issues – issues of great import when viewed against the background of the fully established, mission-oriented Space Cadre of the Air Force, and the revised 2006 National Space Policy:

- Articulation of required Core Competencies for Navy Space personnel.
- Composition of a list of "Best Practices" for the Navy Space community.
- Establishment of a list of billets critical to the Navy Space community.
- Construction and validation of a Navy Space Cadre Professional Certification.

¹²⁶ Julie Niedermaier, Commander, U.S. Navy. *Navy Space Cadre Update (SSFA Space Indoctrination)*. PowerPoint Brief. March 2007. Slide 6.

- Integration of enlisted space experts within the service into the Navy Space Cadre.
- Proposal of a notional “virtual” career progression for the various parent communities hosting Space Cadre members.
- Description of a career-long training program to establish a baseline knowledge requirement for Space Cadre personnel.
- Clarification of the relationship between the “virtual community manager”¹²⁷ of the Navy Space Cadre and the formalized parent community detailers for Space Cadre members.
- Management of, or input to the promotion of Space Cadre personnel for the purpose of maintaining an educated senior leadership in the community.
- Validation of the above measures by senior Navy leadership.

All of these measures are shortfalls noted within the Navy Space Human Capital Strategy, identifying them as clearly within the radar horizon of the community leadership, but beyond the sensor range of senior Navy leadership. Additionally, these shortfalls in the Navy’s strategy are notable in that they have all been solved by other services. For example, Air Force and Army Human Capital Strategies have progressed to the point where the Air Force has developed a training program at the National Security Space Institute¹²⁸ that fills joint requirements for space training and, as of 2005, supported a student population that was disproportionately comprised of services other than the Air Force.¹²⁹ The Army uses a three-level certification program for its space professionals that was designed by and for the Air Force, and even recognizes the award of the Air Force qualification badges for wear on Army uniforms. Career progression, critical-fill jobs, core competencies and full manpower integration are clearly solvable

¹²⁷ The term “virtual community manager” appears on OPNAVINST 5400.43A, 12 Feb 07, page 3. It is used in the sense of a collaborative group of individuals from disparate backgrounds and warfighting specialties working towards a common, overarching goal. Specifically, the “virtual community manager” has no authority to assign personnel to billets, only to provide representation and exposure for the Navy Space Cadre to fill assignments that have been established as within the field of Navy Space. The concept is also an intrinsic component of the “cross-designator community.”

¹²⁸ Located in Colorado Springs, CO, previously the Air Force Space Operations School.

¹²⁹ 2005 NSSI composition breakdown was 79% USAF, 21% Other. This is in contrast to the total number of space positions in the DoD – 94% USAF, 6% Other. United States. *Report to Congressional Committees: Defense Space Activities: Management Guidance and Performance Measures Needed to Develop Personnel*. Government Accountability Office. September 2005. pp. 19-21. <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrep?GAO-05-833>. June 2007.

problems. The shortfalls or gaps in the Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy result more from high-level leadership dysfunction and lack of understanding than inability on the part of the Space Cadre to solve them.

Indeed, the mention of other services' solutions to implementing the requirements of Department of Defense Directives brings to the fore a broad-scope question - *If other services have accepted the notion of joint training and education, core competencies, career requirements, and common certifications, why has the Navy not acknowledged these solutions?*

D. CONTINUANCE AND PROMOTION OF THE NAVY SPACE CADRE

1. Promotion Board Precept Language

As one facet of the effort to ensure broad distribution of space proficiency throughout the fleet, and to enhance representation of the Navy Space Cadre at more senior levels, officer promotion boards since 2003 have included language that highlights the need to promote and retain personnel with space education and experience.¹³⁰ Promotion and retention of Navy personnel with extensive space training is critically important to the future of the Navy Space Cadre, as fluctuations in the promotion rates or perception of “glass ceilings” for community members has the potential to detract from future space cadre membership. The text of the message to the promotion boards is included below:

PRECEPT LANGUAGE FROM FY07 AD 04/05/06 LINE BOARDS

Success of naval operations is dependent on the capabilities of national, DoD and commercial space support. It is imperative that the Navy develops a significant cadre, comprised of the URL and RL communities, that is competent in relating the areas of operations, requirements, development and acquisition to space. Members of this cadre may have atypical career paths because of specialized education, training and assignments outside of the Navy. This cadre will continue to represent the Navy in mid-level and senior joint billets, as well as be assigned to Navy billets in direct support of space requirements and acquisition. When selecting the best and fully qualified officers to meet the needs of the

¹³⁰ Department of the Navy. *Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy*. 27 December 2004. p. 16.

Navy, you must view the quality of performance of offices in the Space Cadre as having weight equal to that ordinarily given to the quality of performance of other members of their respective communities who have followed more traditional career paths.¹³¹

This effort has evidently borne fruit, as the promotion rates for O-5 and O-6 Space Cadre members has been generally slightly higher than rates for their contemporaries without the Space Cadre subspecialty. (See Figure 7, below.)



In-Zone Promotion Rates

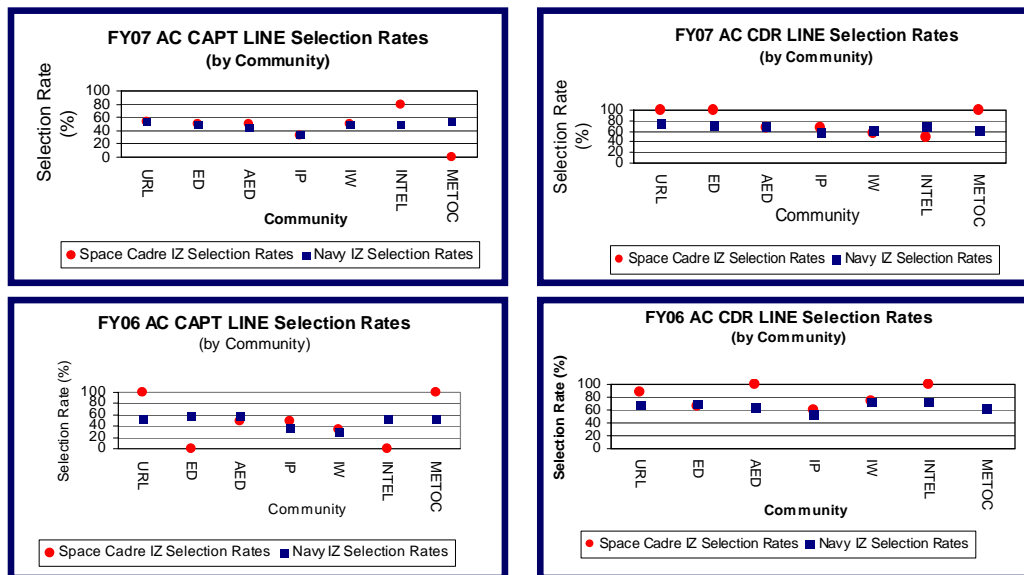


Figure 7. In-Zone Promotion Rates for Navy Space Cadre Personnel.¹³²

2. Additional Qualification Designations and Subspecialty Codes

In an effort to codify the accomplishments of Space Cadre personnel within the community and present this information to promotion boards, a four-level Additional

¹³¹ Julie Niedermaier, Commander, U.S. Navy. *Navy Space Cadre Update (SSFA Space Indoctrination)*. PowerPoint Brief. March 2007. Slide 25 Notes.

¹³² Ibid., Slide 25 Notes.

Qualification Designator (AQD) scheme was introduced following the 2003 promotion board. The four levels are as follows:

- VS1 – Recruit: Requires only Space Certificate, no experience
- VS2 – Apprentice: Requires space-related undergraduate degree or 18 months of experience in a space billet
- VS3 – Journeyman: Requires space-related undergraduate degree plus 18 months of experience or space-related masters’ degree or 36+ months of experience.
- VS4 – Expert: Requires space-related masters’ degree plus 18 months of experience or space-related PhD or 10 years of experience.

Although these AQD codes are in place in the Navy personnel system and Officer Service Records, it is unclear as to whether the addition of these codes is sufficient to identify exceptionally qualified Space Cadre personnel for promotion. The Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy specifically identifies this as a topic requiring assessment.¹³³

Confusion in the qualification process and identification of Navy space personnel stems in part from the labeling system. AQDs may be earned through either certificate programs or experience. Subspecialty Codes may also be earned through experience or formal education. Either a Subspecialty Code or an AQD is required for assignment to a Space-coded billet, but completion of a space-coded job is necessary for the award of some AQDs and Subspecialty Codes. The two Subspecialty Codes are 5500 (Space Systems Engineering) and 6206 (Space Systems Operations). Officer billets in Navy space are identified by these two codes, and as of 2007, there were 315 of these positions available, primarily in the 6206 specialty. Officers with Space Cadre Subspecialty Codes are further differentiated through the use of a suffix to the four-digit code, “T” for officers currently enrolled in a Space Systems educational curricula, “P” for officers who have completed educational requirements for the code, but have not yet served in a space-coded billet, “S/R” for Subspecialty Codes awarded on the basis of experience, and “N/Q” for officers with who have both an approved Space Systems degree and have filled a space-coded billet. Clearly, the system could use some refinement and clarification.

¹³³ Department of the Navy. *Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy*. 27 December 2004. p. 16.

E. CURRENT SPACE CADRE PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT EFFORTS

Of the 315 Navy Space Cadre Billets, 70 are at-sea billets and 208 are Joint billets. This apparent skew toward ashore positions (approximately 78%) itself poses a problem for the credibility of the Space Cadre with seagoing “warfighter” communities. In an era of increasingly lean budgets and support to expeditionary warfare missions, the Navy perceives potential for cost savings and efficiency gains in personnel assignment by eliminating shore-based jobs in favor of manning positions aboard ships and in the Arabian Gulf region.

1. The Sea – Shore Rotation Conundrum

The threat posed by potential elimination of Navy presence in shore billets, and especially joint shore billets, cannot be overstated. As the Navy influence in space systems and operations has waned, the Space Cadre personnel filling positions where they have ready contact with members of the greater DoD space community are the only remaining leverage that the Navy has to apply to fulfill needs supported by space systems. Without input provided by operational, military Navy space personnel, Navy needs for space systems will be unfilled, as the requirements and acquisition process for these systems proceeds.

On the flip-side of the coin, officers positioned in space billets must have a close and abiding connection with operational Navy forces. The default position of the existing Navy Space community leadership is that this connection to Fleet operations must be accomplished through at-sea, operational experience.¹³⁴ The current Navy Space Cadre Advisor states:

In order to foster an understanding of Space Operations within the Fleet, it is essential for Space-qualified officers to return to the fleet, where they can utilize their knowledge. Likewise, the Space community relies on

¹³⁴ Victor See, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy. *CHIPS Interview*. CHIPS. January 2006. http://www.chips.navy.mil/archives/06_Jan/web_pages/RADM_SEE.htm. June 2007.

these personnel to come up with innovative solutions to warfighting gaps. To accomplish this, Space Cadre officers must have significant operational experience.¹³⁵

Plainly, it is desirable for Space Cadre personnel assigned to operational and seagoing units to possess a degree of expertise in space systems and operations. From the standpoint of the formally educated Navy Space Cadre members, use of the degree provided by the Naval Postgraduate School is largely wasted. Amongst the graduates of the 2002 to 2007 Space Systems Operations curricula, only 21% of Navy officers were assigned to a space-coded billet immediately after graduation. The achievement of a masters' degree is of great potential value to the Navy, but attainment of true space expertise cannot occur exclusively in an educational setting. Experience and interaction with members of the greater DoD space community in the fielding and operation of satellite systems is necessary to ripen the fruits of formal education. Further, the space systems that the Navy depends upon for communication, navigation, surveillance, and forecasting are largely acquired and operated by other services – without joint interaction prior to Navy-specific operations, Navy Space Cadre members will have an inadequate understanding of the capabilities and limitations of the systems and effects they will be expected to provide. The resulting uphill battle in attempting to provide commanders with the information, capabilities and services they desire at the operational level will prove a frustration to both commanders and operators alike. Worse, the lack of functional expertise and resulting weak job performance will diminish the credibility of the Space Cadre as a whole, exacerbating the problem of leadership ambivalence with regard to space-provided capabilities.

2. Seagoing Space Cadre Support and the CSG-8 Space Team

In the current Navy environment, application of space knowledge at the operational level is very much in its infancy. Though billets requiring space Subspecialty Codes and AQDs are being established at seagoing staff and large-deck shipboard levels, realization of the capabilities and proficiencies that are *supposed* to be

¹³⁵ Julie Niedermaier, Commander, U.S. Navy. *Navy Space Cadre Update (SSFA Space Indoctrination)*. PowerPoint Brief. March 2007. Slide 8 Notes.

innate to Space Cadre members lags the personnel management paperwork. The primary reason for the gap between the on-paper requirement for space know-how afloat and the actual implementation of that know-how is the fact that the space jobs are, without exception, collateral duties shipboard. Herein lies another major shortcoming with the “cross-designator community” concept of the Navy Space Cadre. In the typical shipboard environment, the officer’s focus of effort must be on their primary duty. Collateral duties, by nature, are secondary to the primary job assignment. For this reason, space subspecialty coding for particular billets at sea is generally a paper tiger, with only as much bite as an individual has spare time to focus on that secondary mission.

A notable exception to this de-facto standard is the rollout of the Naval Space Campaign and concept implementation of the Carrier Strike Group 8 (CSG-8), Fleet Executive Agent for Space deployment. While the staff manning and structure for the Carrier Strike Group 8 Staff (embarked in USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, CVN-69) remained unchanged from the standard embarked staff, CSG-8 was selected to receive a very robust series of space-related training and education courses, site visits to space support and effects providers (primarily national systems/organizations), and extensive information/capabilities training for the Strike Group Commander.¹³⁶ This “space superuser” staff was chartered as a portion of the Naval Space Campaign Plan to validate the following objectives:

- Develop Maritime-specific Space Requirements: Develop space requirements based on current capabilities and limitations of space systems.
- Satisfy Maritime Requirements: Ensure space systems provided by the Executive Agent (EA) for Space and National Security Space sector provide desired effects to meet maritime requirements, and provide feedback through the Naval Capabilities Development Process if they do not.
- Increase Space Knowledge: Promote a better understanding in the fleet of how space-provided effects support maritime operations and scheme of maneuver.

¹³⁶ Zigmond Leszcynski, Commander, U.S. Navy. *NNWC Space Training, Education, Cadre Turnover. PowerPoint Brief.* Carrier Strike Group 8. March 2005.

- Improve Combat Effectiveness: Improve fleet combat effectiveness with smarter, more aggressive use of space-based capabilities, focusing on maximizing effects for the Carrier Strike Group (CSG) and Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG).
- Improve Human Capital: Cultivate Navy Space Cadre expertise for assignment into joint space and National Security Space (NSS) billets.
- Ingrain Cultural Change: Harvest space-related best practices from Naval Space Campaign lessons learned and institutionalize them through doctrine and policy.
- Understand Space System Vulnerabilities: Ensure Navy seniors understand the vulnerabilities of space systems and mitigation options.¹³⁷

The recognition and success that the CSG-8 experiment achieved can be traced to the uncommon efforts of one individual on that staff. In much the same way as recent refinement and development of the Navy Space Cadre can be traced to the current Space Cadre Advisor, the CSG-8 Air Operations Officer, a Space Cadre member functioned as the Deputy, Space Warfare Commander to the Commander, Carrier Strike Group 8. The status of this position, a collateral duty as noted above, was significantly elevated for the purpose of the Naval Space Campaign effort, yet the officer assigned to the position continued to perform both his “warfare specialty” job as a primary assignment and his Space Cadre job at superlative levels. Apparent boundless energy was evidenced in the production of daily space-effects briefs and leadership of a space planning team between 2004 and 2007. Presence of this high level of commitment to exercise of available space resources and leadership attention to the capabilities inherent in space-enabling the staff led directly to improved situational awareness on the part of the Strike Group Commander.

Unfortunately, this level of commitment and energy, while desirable, is not sufficiently pervasive in any community, or sustainable for an individual. The space after-action report from CSG-8’s deployment specifically recommends not only continuation of the training program for deployed staffs, but also that...

...the Navy support establishment of Space Operations Officers in Strike Groups and MOCs (Maritime Operations Centers) to ensure close

¹³⁷ Department of the Navy. *Naval Space Campaign Plan, 2005-2007*. pp. 4, 8. 13 November 2005.

coordination with the Theater Space Coordinating Authority and consistency of Navy space operations in theater.¹³⁸

Validation of the premise that a dedicated Space Operations officer should be assigned to Strike Group Staffs may be a foregone conclusion when considering that the experiment was chartered by the Navy Space Campaign. That the recommendation is internally consistent with the Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy does not, however, invalidate it – one of the stated goals of the Strategy is to “Gain senior leadership support throughout the Navy”,¹³⁹ and that leadership support can come only with a point of focus within the operational staff that simultaneously provides space effects and can promote the cause of the Navy Space Cadre.

3. Navy Space Cadre in the Joint and National Environment

As a result of the efforts of the Navy Space Cadre leadership between 2004 and 2007, the community has grown substantially in numbers, potential billets and influence. As of February 2007, the Navy Space Cadre numbered approximately 1500 personnel, grouped as follows:

- 780 Active Duty Officer
- 100 Reserve Officer
- 140 Civil Service Civilian
- 500 Enlisted (not yet fully integrated into Navy Space Cadre).¹⁴⁰

This population is up from 511 personnel identified for the September 2005 GAO report.

The growth in the Navy Space Cadre, or more properly, identification of personnel with the required skill-set to qualify for Space Cadre membership, contrasts most vividly with Air Force membership. By 2005, the Air Force had essentially completed identification of their Space Cadre personnel, and reported 7,434 personnel,

¹³⁸ Zigmond Leszczynski, Commander, U.S. Navy. *EISENHOWER Strike Group End-Of-Deployment Report, Space Segment*. Carrier Strike Group 8. May 2007.

¹³⁹ Department of the Navy. *Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy*. 27 December 2004. p. 16.

¹⁴⁰ Julie Niedermaier, Commander, U.S. Navy. *Navy Space Cadre Update (SSFA Space Indoctrination)*. PowerPoint Brief. March 2007. Slide 8 Notes.

comprised of 6,051 Officers and 1,383 Enlisted. This almost order-of-magnitude difference in Cadre size is only the tip of the iceberg. The Air Force identifies 7,195 space positions for their personnel base, representing a 97% utilization rate for their Space Cadre.¹⁴¹ The Army has a similar utilization rate for its Space Cadre. In contrast, because of the “cross-community” nature of the Navy Space Cadre, more than half of Navy officers with space training and qualifications are employed in jobs that are unrelated to space and have *no* requirement for the training these personnel possess. Across the DoD, only 315 positions for Navy Officer Space Cadre members exist, providing a 40% utilization rate for this community. This gross mismatch of availability of space-trained personnel with the number of space-related jobs under Navy control is a necessity under the current Navy Space Cadre “cross community” construct, but represents a waste of training, education and manpower resources when those personnel are employed outside of space-related billets.

Additionally, because of the allocation of funding and resources for space within the DoD, Navy Space Cadre are under-represented within their own service. 66% of positions available to Navy Space Cadre are located within the Joint arena, outside of the Navy organization.¹⁴² With approximately 93% of the entire DoD budget for space under their purview,¹⁴³ the Air Force “owns”, or has the primary historical tie to most of the Joint commands that manage DoD space.¹⁴⁴

In combination with service dominance of military space efforts, extensive Air Force education, training, certification, policy and doctrine, and personnel management

¹⁴¹ United States. *Report to Congressional Committees: Defense Space Activities: Management Guidance and Performance Measures Needed to Develop Personnel*. Government Accountability Office. September 2005. pp. 18-19. <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrep?GAO-05-833>. June 2007.

¹⁴² United States. *Report to Congressional Committees: Defense Space Activities: Management Guidance and Performance Measures Needed to Develop Personnel*. Government Accountability Office. September 2005. p. 19. <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrep?GAO-05-833>. June 2007.

Julie Niedermaier, Commander, U.S. Navy. *Navy Space Cadre Update (SSFA Space Indoctrination)*. PowerPoint Brief. March 2007. Slide 7.

¹⁴³ United States. *Report to Congressional Committees: Defense Space Activities: Management Guidance and Performance Measures Needed to Develop Personnel*. Government Accountability Office. September 2005. p. 7. <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrep?GAO-05-833>. June 2007.

¹⁴⁴ To wit: U.S. Strategic Command, National Reconnaissance Office, Joint Space Operations Center, Cheyenne Mountain, Northern Command.

systems already in place have the potential to provide a sound structure for Navy Space Cadre formalization efforts . Navy acceptance and officially sanctioned use of some of the methods and systems in place in the Air Force not only could contribute to the cause of enhancing jointness, but also reduce redundancies in planning, execution and management of the service-specific Space Cadre. As an example, Army acceptance of Air Force training and certification as part of their Space Cadre professional development is an outstanding example of simplicity and synergy. Use of National Security Space Institute education and Certified Space Professional standards supply the Army with a method for meeting DoD Space Cadre requirements, and neatly centralizes the expertise required to produce space-smart personnel. Further, accepting the established Air Force solutions with respect to personnel eliminates non-core-competency tasks from the Army's slate. In an era of declining budgets and business-outsourcing, strategic integration of service efforts in maintaining and furthering their Space Cadres is viable option.

For the Navy, specifically, full development and utilization of experts in space systems and operations is a necessity. Though direct Navy involvement in the business of space has waned, reliance on the services and products provided by space systems continues to grow. Operators, managers and leadership throughout the Navy need to be supported by a community of space experts. Further, the time and commitment required to acquire and implement that know-how must not be detrimental to promotion of those experts. The current trend of growing recognition of these facts must be nurtured, and funded commensurate with the field's importance to Navy operations in a asymmetric, networked combat environment. The evidence clearly indicates that highly trained personnel with substantial space expertise placed in positions where they can affect leverage on national space efforts promote the cause of the Navy Space Cadre, Navy Space Campaign, Sea Power 21 and the national interest.

V. NAVY SPACE: CORE BUSINESSES AND OUTSOURCING

Institutional inertia and organizational culture can represent reasons why bureaucracies behave in certain ways, but do not necessarily validate methods and practices.¹⁴⁵ With an established and valued history in the space arena, persistence and maintenance of a corporate “space culture” is a source of pride to the Navy. Additionally the Navy and its space community have an established history of scientific and research excellence, and despite recent downturns in the fortunes of Navy space, pockets of that excellence and expertise still exist.

Those few remaining enclaves of “space-smarts” within the Department of the Navy however, are overshadowed by the pulverizing force of a bureaucracy without a clear concept of the intricacies and necessity of space operations or the leadership understanding to implement it.¹⁴⁶ Benign neglect and relegation of space to the status of a non-critical supporting function have threatened the last remnants of the Navy’s tradition of space excellence. Without a steering force applied to the institution and a re-assessment of what space missions are of critical value to the Navy, the remaining corporate knowledge inherent in the Navy’s scattered space organizations and nascent Space Cadre is likely to fragment and disappear entirely.

This chapter will focus on the Navy’s existing space systems operation, space support to operational forces, and acquisition programs. Emphasis on the organizations that perform those missions and the relative validity of current focus of effort and structure will be examined. Present Navy use of and requirements for space will be considered, and alternatives for achieving those aims discussed.

¹⁴⁵ James Q. Wilson. *Bureaucracy: What Government Agencies Do and Why They Do It*. Chapter 6, Various. 1989.

¹⁴⁶ United States. *Transcript of House Armed Services Committee Hearing No. 108-40, Hearing on Space Cadre/Space Professionals*. House of Representatives. One Hundred Eighth Congress, Second Session. 22 July 2004. http://commdocs.house.gov/committees/security/has204290.000/has204290_0f.htm. June 2007.

A. REDUNDANCY IN THE REALM OF CONTROL

The current Department of Defense construct for flying communications satellites defies description.¹⁴⁷ Like other functions that are a result of historical legacy, methods for command and control of satellite systems are as convoluted and scattered as the flight of an inebriated butterfly.¹⁴⁸ Operation of the various components of a single orbital object may be conducted by multiple agencies, with only minimal coordination amongst the parties involved. Worse, the vast majority of the personnel, funding and facilities used for satellite operation belong to the Air Force, but only very rarely is the Air Force the sole stakeholder in satellite resource transactions, or indeed, the sole owner of all of the various subsystems and packages onboard the satellite vehicle. Further, in an attempt to provide satellite services to their deployed forces, the individual armed services perceive a need for service-specific operation of portions of the satellite control segment in order to apply leverage to get the support and products their forces require. As a result, the Army, Navy and Air Force each maintain their own satellite operations commands, infrastructure, and fragmentary space operations missions when it comes to satellite communications.

A much more appropriate business structure to accomplish the missions of satellite operation and control is to consolidate all of these functions under one organization, with appropriate representation from the various service stakeholders. Consolidation can produce cost reductions through the use of shared administration and overhead, and single-entity operation of space systems reduces the internal command complexities inherent in service-specific space operations organizations. As an added benefit, shared service responsibilities for manning a centralized, joint satellite operations

¹⁴⁷ Joel Hicks. Commander, U.S. Navy. Email to the authors: *Re: Questions regarding NAVSOC*. 15 June 2007.

¹⁴⁸ In contrast to the convoluted multi-service and agency control of U.S. military satellites, , evolutionary developments in satellite operation and network control within the commercial sector centralize and simplify management tasks through extensive automation. See: AsiaSat (<http://suirg.org/press/asiasatpr.pdf>), Thruraya, DataPath MaxView (http://www.ilc.com/scheduall_msnbc.html) and IntelSat (<http://www.sciatl.com/products/customers/white-papers/originatorwhitepaper.pdf>).

and C² organization offers an opportunity for common and cross training of space cadre from all services, and improved stakeholder input to the operations of those systems.

The Air Force, with the lion's share of space-borne assets and tasking has the largest space operations presence, with the 50th Space Wing (50th SW), and their subordinate 50th Space Communications Squadron (50th SCS) involved in the operation of more than 170 Department of Defense satellites.

The wing operates satellite operation centers at Schriever AFB and remote tracking stations and other command and control facilities around the world. These facilities monitor satellites during launch, put the satellites in their proper orbits following the launch, operate the satellites while they are in orbit and keep them functioning properly.¹⁴⁹

More specifically, the 50th Space Communications Squadron claims the following mission areas:

50th SCS executes command and control functions supporting \$50 billion in national satellite and terrestrial systems for the President, United States of America, allied and coalition forces. The squadron operates and maintains communications-computer systems establishing real-time global connectivity to more than 170 satellites comprising the Global Positioning System, Defense Meteorological Satellite Program, Defense Satellite Program, Defense Satellite Communications System, Milstar, Fleet Satellite Communications System, Ultra High Frequency Follow-On System, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Defense Advanced Research Program Agency and test system satellites through the \$8.2 billion Air Force Satellite Control Network.¹⁵⁰

With some evident overlap in claimed mission area with the 50th Space Communications Squadron, the Naval Satellite Operations Center asserts the following missions:

- UHF Follow-On (*UFO*) satellite constellation that provides the military UHF narrow-band voice and data communications.
- Polar satellite that is equipped with an Enhanced EHF (EEHF) capability.

¹⁴⁹ Department of the Air Force. *50th Space Wing Fact Sheet*. Schriever Air Force Base Website. <http://www.schriever.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=3909>. June 2007.

¹⁵⁰ Department of the Air Force. *50th Space Communications Squadron Factsheet*. Schriever Air Force Base Website. <http://www.schriever.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=3917>. June 2007.

- Geodetic Satellite (*GEOSAT*) Follow-On (*GFO*) radar altimeter satellite that provides ocean surface height information to Naval meteorological centers.
- Navy Ionospheric Monitoring System (*NIMS*) satellites, known also as Transit Follow-on (*TFO*) and originally used for global navigation as the precursor to GPS. The four remaining satellites now support upper ionospheric research.
- Mobile Users Objective System (*MUOS*) satellites, a system being developed as a replacement for the *UFO* constellation.¹⁵¹

Finally, the Army through its 1st Space Brigade and subordinate 53rd Signal Battalion at Camp Roberts, California,¹⁵² executes the proportionally smallest satellite operations mission, yet again overlapping the claimed Air Force mission:

The battalion (53rd Signal Battalion) plans and controls the payload of the Defense Satellite Communications System (DSCS) satellites.¹⁵³

These stated assignments fail to adequately define the actual scope of specific operations under a given service's control. The details of satellite system control are convoluted, with operation of the orbital craft partitioned for reasons that stem from engineering design, stand-alone legacy satellite command and control systems and historical basis. The following is an example of the scheme of control, specific to the satellites operated (in part) by the Naval Satellite Operations Center (NAVSOC).

...NAVSOC controls the bus for *UFO* (which includes the UHF/EHF/EEHF/GBS packages) and will do the same for *MUOS*. NAVSOC also controls the bus for *FLTSAT* (which includes UHF/EHF packages). However, NAVSOC only monitors and commands to the Polar EHF Payload. The bus is on a classified host and we have no visibility into its Health and Status...

...NAVSOC actually doesn't control the payload in an allocation sense, meaning we do not manage users or control what gets sent from the S/C (spacecraft) or what is sent to the S/C...

¹⁵¹ Department of the Navy. *NAVSOC Mission Statement*. Naval Satellite Operations Center. <http://www.nbvc.navy.mil/navsoc/mission.html>. June 2007.

¹⁵² Similar operations are conducted by Army units around the world at Fort Detrick, Maryland, Fort Meade, Maryland, Fort Buckner, Japan, and Landstuhl, Germany.

¹⁵³ Mark Hubbs. *The Eagle*. SMDC/ARSTRAT Historical Office. <http://www.smhc.army.mil/Historical/Eagle/Brigades.pdf>. June 2007.

...NAVSOC's only relationship with the payload is to monitor payload health and status and, when directed, help in troubleshooting by turning transponders on/off or reconfiguring the payload to switch to a redundant mode.¹⁵⁴

With physical and logical control of the myriad of spacecraft functions, payload functions,¹⁵⁵ and use of the variety of Department of Defense satellites divided functionally, organizationally, geographically, and by specific system interface, there are unquestionable redundancies inherent in the current satellite control construct. While the Air Force is already in control of approximately 93% of the DoD Space Budget,¹⁵⁶ continuation of the status quo (in terms of service-specific satellite operations programs) is senseless. The current satellite control construct exists to provide each service programmatic access to the requirements definition process for new systems and as a historical throwback to the post-World War II era, when independent space programs existed within each of the services. In the modern era of hyper-expensive, long-lead systems and mandatory joint military activity, these legacy motives are no longer valid. To eliminate the redundancies and overhead intrinsic to the fragmented satellite control structure, the Navy should divest itself of the missions performed by NAVSOC and transfer its remaining satellite operation and control responsibilities to the Air Force's 50th Space Wing.

B. NAVY SATELLITE SYSTEMS OPERATIONS

As there is no documented mandate for Navy organizations or personnel to operate satellite systems, limited financial and personnel resources should be targeted to better operational leverage. Policy guidance within the Navy is currently constructed as follows:

¹⁵⁴ Joel Hicks. Commander, U.S. Navy. Email to the authors: *Re: Questions regarding NAVSOC*. 15 June 2007.

¹⁵⁵ *exempli gratia*: Resource Allocation, Health and Status of various subsystems, Bus Operation, Launch, Phasing, and stationkeeping

¹⁵⁶ United States. *Report to Congressional Committees: Defense Space Activities: Management Guidance and Performance Measures Needed to Develop Personnel*. Government Accountability Office. September 2005. p. 7. <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrep?GAO-05-833>. June 2007. Figure is specific to then-projected FY 2006 DoD budget for space programs.

The United States Navy and Marine Corps must maintain their ability to tactically exploit the capabilities provided by space systems and participate in all appropriate aspects of the changed NSS environment in order to function as an integrated member of the Nation's joint warfighting team. Consequently, the DON must continually reassess its approach and investment to ensure that naval forces receive the maximum benefit of space-based capabilities. The DON will: (1) integrate the essential capabilities provided by space systems at every appropriate level throughout the naval force; and (2) shape the outcome of joint deliberations on future space system capabilities to ensure the combat effectiveness of naval forces.¹⁵⁷

As such, by policy, not just actual practice, the Navy is fulfilling a role in the Department of Defense space arena as a “‘ruthless customer’ of NSS capabilities.”¹⁵⁸ Importance of effects and resources provided by these systems is of primary importance, with minimal consideration given to who the “service provider” is. Whether intentional or not, implementation of this policy by expunging satellite control from the Navy's operational lexicon relieves the Navy and the Network Warfare Command of a peripheral function, and opens the door to other operations for achieving requisite space-based capabilities.

There is little disagreement regarding the proud heritage of the Naval Satellite Operations Center. “...NAVSOC personnel pioneered space system operations when they developed, tested, and implemented the procedures to operate and manage the first operational American space system....”¹⁵⁹ But just as the GPS system closed the book on the world's first satellite navigation system, *TRANSIT*, so the United States Air Force Space Command has engulfed the DoD space world to such a degree that NAVSOC's efforts are increasingly marginalized. In-house NAVSOC efforts in commanding and controlling satellites have devolved to a 146-person effort for the Point Mugu, California

¹⁵⁷ Department of the Navy. SECNAV Instruction 5400.39C: *Department of Navy Space Policy*. 6 April 2004. Section 4.. http://ftp.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/secnavinst/5400_39c.pdf. June 2007.

¹⁵⁸ National Research Council. Committee on the Navy's Needs in Space for Providing Future Capabilities. *The Navy's Needs in Space for Providing Future Capabilities*. The National Academies Press 2005. Executive Summary, p. 4. http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=11200&page=4. June 2007.

¹⁵⁹ Naval Satellite Operations Center. *Modern Satellite Operations, NAVSOC Fact Sheet*. <http://www.nbvc.navy.mil/navsoc/docs/FactSheet.pdf>. Quote is specifically in reference to the *TRANSIT* satellite-based navigation system.

organization.¹⁶⁰ Once a manpower-intensive, 24-hour-a-day operation, automation and mission reduction have relieved requirements for personnel, and NAVSOC efforts are very limited in scope, with only 23 satellites under mostly contractor control¹⁶¹ as of early 2006.¹⁶²

Elimination of the Navy component of the satellite command and control function is an almost trivial undertaking, and can assist in a tidy centralization of satellite operation efforts. The equipment, infrastructure and operational presence required to fly and operate the NAVSOC satellite inventory already exists at the Air Force's 14th Air Force and subordinate 50th Space Wing. Additionally, from an organizational structure standpoint, NAVSOC currently falls under the tactical control (TACON) of the Joint Space Operations Center (JSpOC), another organization subordinate to Commander, 14th Air Force. Years of command cooperation and careful definition and nurturing of command relationships could allow for the addition of Navy representation at the 50th Space Wing and 14th Air Force to ensure Navy requirements previously met by the NAVSOC are met. Providentially, NAVSOC Detachment DELTA is located at Schriever AFB and currently serves as the alternate Satellite Operations Center to the Point Mugu Headquarters.¹⁶³ This proposed merger is supported by existing facilities and command relationships.

¹⁶⁰ Paul M. Insch, Captain, U.S. Navy. *NAVSOC Command Brief*. Naval Satellite Operations Center. PowerPoint Brief. June 2006. Slide 12.

¹⁶¹ Joel Hicks. Commander, U.S. Navy. Email to the authors: *Re: Questions regarding NAVSOC*. 15 June 2007.

"You might be interested to know that NAVSOC is now being operated by contractors. NAVSOC underwent a Commercial Activities Study in 2005 and the government bid (called the Agency Tendered Offer) was underbid by a company called Rome Research Corp. Except for some key "Inherently Governmental" positions, all operations will be performed by contractors."

¹⁶² Paul M. Insch, Captain, U.S. Navy. *NAVSOC Command Brief*. Naval Satellite Operations Center. PowerPoint Brief. June 2006. Slide 41.

¹⁶³ Naval Satellite Operations Center. *Modern Satellite Operations, NAVSOC Fact Sheet*. <http://www.nbvcc.navy.mil/navsoc/docs/FactSheet.pdf>. NAVSOC Detachment DELTA is located at Schriever Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Detachment operates a backup Satellite Operations Center (SOC), which shares the load of daily satellite operations with the Headquarters SOC. Detachment DELTA also provides an on-site liaison with the Air Force Satellite Control Network and other units within the 50th Space Wing when required."

1. Facilities & Locations

Composition and location of the NAVSOC organization and its detachments are displayed in Figure 1 (Chapter II). The functional control of each of those individual locations is presented in Table 1 of the same chapter. Each of these installations serve the NAVSOC mission and therefore could continue to perform those same missions should the operation of NAVSOC be transferred over to the 50th Space Wing. In fact, all of the NAVSOC remote detachments are co-located with existing Air Force AFSCN locations. Under this proposed reassignment of responsibilities, the 50th Space Wing would take control of all NAVSOC locations and detachments to incorporate existing infrastructure to support their new mission set.

2. Personnel

Table 3 (below) outlines NAVSOC manning. Worldwide, the command employs 146 personnel, of which only 28% are active-duty Navy personnel. As holders of Navy-specific space expertise, re-assignment of these personnel to joint or Air Force activities in support of Navy space needs is an obvious alternative. Detailing some of those forces into the 50th Space Wing will aid in this effort and afford the opportunity for continued representation at the appropriate levels. Re-assignment or elimination of civilian and contractor workforce redundant to existing Air Force satellite operations efforts should be accomplished in line with appropriate Department of Defense business practices.

LOCATION	OFFICERS	ENLISTED	CIVILIANS	On-Site Support	TOTAL
California	8	13	48	43	112
Maine	1	10	3	*5	19
Guam	1	7	0	1	9
Colorado	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
TOTAL	11	30	54	51	146

Table 3. NAVSOC Manning Breakdown as of 2006³

³ Paul M. Insch, Captain, U.S. Navy. *NAVSOC Command Brief*. Naval Satellite Operations Center. PowerPoint Brief. June 2006. Slide 11.

3. Operations

Daily operations depicted in Figure 8 (below) show the standard daily functions performed by NAVSOC.

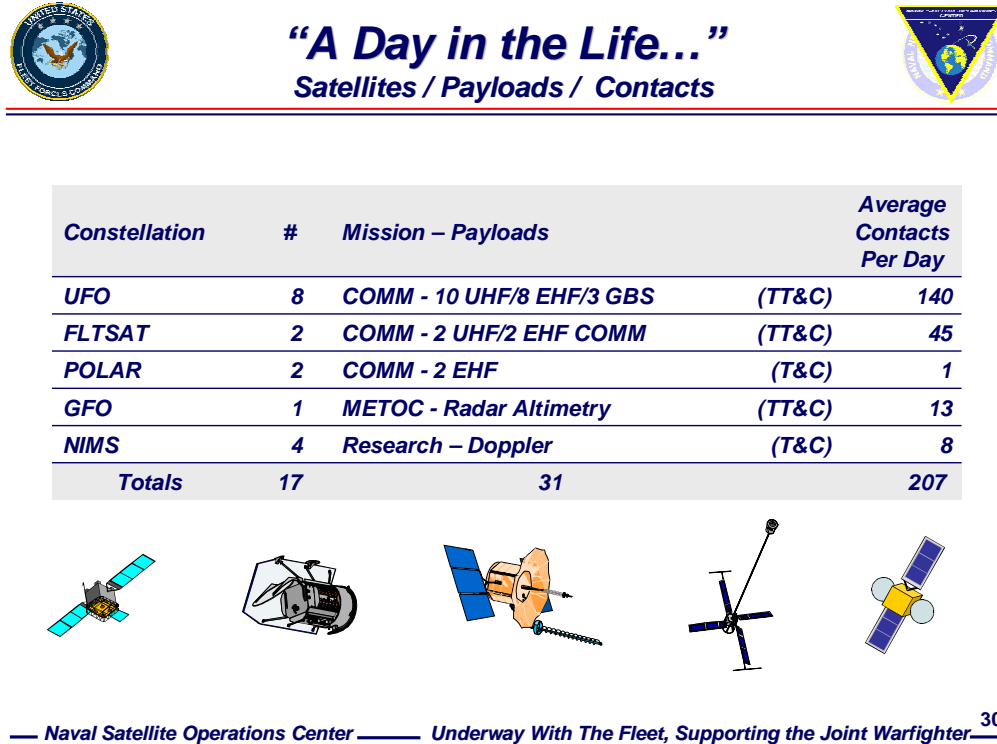


Figure 8. A Snap Shot of Daily Operations at NAVSOC¹⁶⁴

Clearly, when contrasted with the massive volume of Air Force Satellite Control Network daily events (more than 10,000 per day), the small quantity of systems and contact events the NAVSOC manages pose no impediment to the Air Force absorbing these functions. The scope of 14th Air Force efforts in space systems operations as described below is approximately two orders of magnitude greater than Navy efforts:

The 14th Air Force is comprised of five wings and a Joint Space Air Operations Center (JSpOC), including 155 units at 44 locations worldwide. The 50th Space Wing is located at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., and operates satellite control centers at Schriever AFB, and

¹⁶⁴ Paul M. Insch, Captain, U.S. Navy. *NAVSOC Command Brief*. Naval Satellite Operations Center. PowerPoint Brief. June 2006. Slide 30.

command and control facilities and remote tracking stations around the world. These control centers monitor satellites during launch, early orbit tests, and operate the satellites while they are in orbit and fix satellite anomalies when they occur. Crew members conduct 24-hour operations to monitor the status of and control satellite systems. The Air Force Satellite Control Network (AFSCN) consists of eight subordinate tracking stations located around the world and provides on-orbit tracking, telemetry, commanding and mission data retrieval services to support the NASA, civil, allied, and DoD satellite operations. The satellite systems the wing operates include the NAVSTAR Global Positioning System, the Defense Satellite Communications System, NATO/Skynet, and Milstar. The wing also supports the Defense Support Program, Mid-course Space Experiment, NASA's Advanced Composition Explorer, and the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program, as well as manages the Air Force Satellite Control Network. The wing is made up of approximately 3,200 military, civilians and contract personnel in its workforce.¹⁶⁵

Incorporating NAVSOC operations into 14th Air Force and 50th Space Wing, responsibilities streamlines the organizational command and control of SATCOM systems, and enables greater simplicity in the overall U.S. space architecture.

4. Benefits

What does the Navy gain from the daily operations at NAVSOC? There is no clear evidence that indicates NAVSOC can produce a superior level of service or higher system reliability than the Air Force. Allocation of the resources provided by NAVSOC spacecraft payloads is not under NAVSOC control, so Naval users derive no capability benefit from NAVSOC operations. NAVSOC itself claims a lower cost-per-satellite operation rate than the 50th Space Wing,¹⁶⁶ and greater efficiencies in common computer interface control of multiple satellite platforms¹⁶⁷ but these arguments fail to take into account the elimination of multi-service administrative overhead, and some of the more

¹⁶⁵ Department of the Air Force. *14th Air Force Fact Sheet*.
<http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=4684>. 20 June 2007.

¹⁶⁶ Paul M. Insch, Captain, U.S. Navy. *NAVSOC Command Brief*. Naval Satellite Operations Center. PowerPoint Brief. June 2006. Slide 41.

¹⁶⁷ Joel Hicks, Commander, U.S. Navy. Email to the authors: *Re: Questions regarding NAVSOC*. 15 June 2007. NAVSOC operates all of their satellites on a common Integrated Satellite Control System (ISCS), meaning that monitoring and commanding can be performed on a single operating system.

recent Air Force initiatives in fielding consolidated command and control systems.¹⁶⁸ The sole advantage to the presence of a Naval Satellite Operations entity seems to be the institutional prestige inherent in the tradition of Navy space operations.

In contrast, incorporation of NAVSOC missions into the Air Force satellite C² architecture eliminates a non-core business from the Navy's slate of missions, centralizes responsibility and authority for the operation of space systems, simplifies funding and administration and eliminates redundancy. Further, proper consideration and construction of multi-service positions within the Air Force's satellite control organizations could open the door to improved representation and fulfillment of service-specific needs with regards to satellite resources and products.

Existing friction among the services with regards to the role of satellite resources service providers and satellite resources consumers is a recognized problem with this organizational construct, and the topic is deserving of more than a hand-waving approach. In-depth study of that issue is, however, beyond the scope of this paper. Considering the existing overwhelming "market share" the Air Force possesses in its role as a supplier of satellite resources to the other military services, continuation of this trend to its logical conclusion poses no great intellectual leap. Addressing the complaints of the satellite user community may require a completely new organizational structure internal to the Air Force, or possibly a new structure external to existing organizations, with a focus and mission dedicated to support to the forward-deployed satellite system user.

C. NAVY OPERATIONAL SPACE SUPPORT

NETWARCOM's Maritime Operations Center is a recently founded and renamed organization, located at NETWARCOM headquarters in Little Creek, Virginia. Established as the NIOSC "fusion center" in 2005, the renamed NNWC MOC:

...is a brand new, state-of-the-art operations center that will manage worldwide naval operational and technical support across strategic,

¹⁶⁸ David Ulrich, Colonel, U.S. Air Force. *MILSATCOM Satellite Communications Overview Brief*. PowerPoint Brief. June 2007. Slide 13.

operational and tactical levels. Ultimately, the NIOSC (sic.) will promote data sharing and foster an environment of collaboration required to plan and respond to current and future threats.¹⁶⁹

The NNWC MOC Space Cell missions vis-à-vis space operations include:

...functions as a true reachback staff element for deployed Strike Groups and forward Maritime Headquarters. The space planners in the NIOSC (sic.) broker maritime operational and exercise space needs with the Joint Space Operations Center at Vandenberg AFB and assist the theater Space Coordinating Authorities as they develop the space support requests for their AORs. This insures that the desired DoD and National Technical space effects are delivered in support of Fleet activities.¹⁷⁰

Without consideration of the NetOps and Information Operations missions, the space-coordination function, embodied in a sub-unit of the NNWC MOC called the “Space Cell” is completely superfluous and redundant to the Joint Space Operations Center (JSpOC). Navy forces reachback for space support, planning and effects through the Space Cell introduces a completely unnecessary layer to the space support hierarchy and re-directs information flow through an additional, needless loop. (Refer to Figure 5, page 49).

The NNWC MOC Space Cell is critically dependent upon space-related information provided and brokered by the JSpOC, and serves only as a conduit and middleman to transfer that information to afloat forces. The Space Cell, upon receiving requests for information from maritime users, merely reaches to the JSpOC with the query, and then forwards the JSpOC-sourced information back to the user who made the original request. Further, joint manning requirements designed to support the full spectrum of users – ground forces, afloat units and air forces – have already been implemented at the JSpOC, with attendant attention paid to the need for maritime-specific expertise on the watch-floor.

¹⁶⁹ Dean Wence. *Increasing the Fleet's Capabilities with Reach Back*. CHIPS. October-December 2005 Issue. http://www.chips.navy.mil/archives/05_oct_dec/web_pages/maritime_center.htm. June 2007.

¹⁷⁰ James D. McArthur, Admiral, U.S. Navy. *Statement Before the Strategic Forces Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee on FY 2008 Defense Budget Authorization Request for Space Activities*. 19 April 2007. <http://armed-services.senate.gov/statemnt/2007/April/McArthur%2004-19-07.pdf>. June 2007.

The logical and proper information structure eliminates the NNWC Space Cell from the loop, with maritime users reaching directly to the JSpOC for space resource assistance. To allay the concerns of the Navy user regarding defense of Navy-specific space requirements, manning adjustments at the JSpOC should be considered, with increased numbers and insertion of appropriate expertise sourced from the Navy Space Cadre. This solution poses a win-win from the perspective of both the Air Force space operations community and the Navy Space Cadre, providing needed personnel for manning, cross-cultural training and experience for the Space Cadre, and multi-service legitimacy for the JSpOC as operational usage increases.

The need for NETWARCOM's internal situational awareness with regards to Navy space efforts could be fielded by the refinement of the space function within the NNWC MOC. A single watch station or terminal dedicated to providing critical space-related information to NETWARCOM decision makers could draw on resources at the JSpOC as needed. In turn, the fostering of a robust Navy presence or Space Cell within the JSpOC will provide greater fluidity in the dissemination of operational Navy space needs. The removal of the NNWC MOC Space Cell from the operational support information path streamlines the efforts of the forward-deployed Naval space user. The effectiveness of Space Cadre members in performing operational space support is enhanced by the ability to reach back to a single point of contact within the joint space world. Further, enhanced Navy presence in the JSpOC provides timely and influential input regarding Navy space needs and requirements within the JSpOC's joint working environment.

Elimination of the NNWC MOC Space Cell and attendant organizational redundancy poses no threat to the distribution of resources and information required by the space-enabled Navy, and indeed, presents a more streamlined and efficient path for space information distribution.

D. NAVY SATELLITE SYSTEMS ACQUISITION

Overarching policy direction for the armed forces to participate in space systems acquisition is included in DoDD 5101.2, the DoD Executive Agent for Space directive. This document mandates that:

6.3. The Heads of the DoD Components shall:

6.3.7 Continue to develop, acquire, and fund space research, development and acquisition programs that meet DoD Component requirements and submit such program information to the DoD Executive Agent for Space in accordance with this Directive.¹⁷¹

The Department of the Navy Space Policy requires participation in National Security Space organization activities, to include acquisition *when appropriate*.¹⁷² In line with these requirements, the Program Executive Office (PEO) Space Systems was established in May 2004, and charged with the coordination of all Department of the Navy space research, development and acquisition activities.¹⁷³ Reporting to PEO Space Systems is the Communications Satellite Program Office, PMW-146, whose mission it is to “acquire space based communications systems for the fleet and joint users.”¹⁷⁴

PEO Space Systems more generally works to coordinate with the Under Secretary of the Air Force and the National Reconnaissance Office to ensure the Navy is purchasing appropriate space systems to support the larger National Security Space goals. PMW-146 is the only directorate reporting directly to PEO Space Systems, and is directly responsible for the acquisition and fielding of communications-specific satellite capabilities.

¹⁷¹ United States. Department of Defense Directive 5101.2, *DoD Executive Agent for Space*. July 2003. Section 6.3. <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/html/510102.htm>. June 2007.

¹⁷² Department of the Navy. SECNAV Instruction 5400.39C: *Department of Navy Space Policy*. 6 April 2004. Section 4b.(3)(a). http://ftp.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/secnavinst/5400_39c.pdf. April 2007. Emphasis added.

¹⁷³ Department of the Navy. SPAWAR PEO Space Systems Webpage. <http://enterprise.spawar.navy.mil/body.cfm?type=c&category=26&subcat=54>. June 2007.

¹⁷⁴ Department of the Navy. SPAWAR Website. http://enterprise.spawar.navy.mil/pd14/PMW146/Mission/mission_statement.htm. June 2007.

1. Background and Specifics

While PEO Space Systems is relatively new, PMW-146 is a historical outgrowth of Naval Research Laboratory work on the *FLTSATCOM* project in the early 1970s.¹⁷⁵ PMW-146 has executed the acquisition and fielding of all of the modern Department of Defense narrowband (UHF) satellite systems under the Navy's charter as the lead agency for narrowband. PMW-146 is currently focused primarily on the task of fielding the Mobile User Objective System (*MUOS*), the upcoming generation of UHF communications satellites. The effort for design and acquisition of *MUOS* is lauded as a high-quality acquisition program amidst a panoply of spectacular failures in space systems acquisition.¹⁷⁶

PMW-146 was rolled under the new PEO Space Systems when that organization was stood up in 2004. The establishment of a Program Executive Office for Space was an outgrowth of increasing attention in the Department of the Navy to space issues following the 2001 Space Commission Report and a desire to centralize the functions that support space systems and operations within the Navy. In a sense, it is a similar construct to the Navy Space Systems Division, OP943, which was chartered in 1981, and resulted in the Naval Postgraduate School Space Systems Operations and Engineering degree programs, and Space Subspecialty billet codes.¹⁷⁷ PEO Space, however, has inter-agency coordination requirements for a persistent relationship with the Under Secretary of the Air Force for the purposes of space systems acquisition.¹⁷⁸

¹⁷⁵ Navy Communications Satellite Programs Fact Sheet. Ultra High Frequency Follow-On (UFO) Program. 1 March 1999. http://www.globalsecurity.org/space/library/report/1999/uhf_follow-on_fact_sheet.pdf. June 2007. Gary Federici. *From the Sea to the Stars*. Naval Historical Center. July 2003. Section 3.3.4. <http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>. May 2007

¹⁷⁶ Taylor Dinerman. *The U.S. Navy: lost in space?* The Space Review. 24 October 2005. <http://www.thespacereview.com/article/480/1>. June 2007. Taylor Dinerman. *United States Space Force: sooner rather than later* 27 February 2006. <http://www.thespacereview.com/article/565/1>. June 2007. Witness the disasters in the TSAT and SBR programs.

¹⁷⁷ Gary Federici. *From the Sea to the Stars*. Naval Historical Center. July 2003. Section 4.1. <http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>. May 2007

¹⁷⁸ United States. *National Security Space Acquisition Policy. 03-1*. Department of Defense. 27 December 2004.

2. True Acquisition Reform...

Regardless of the relative success of the *MUOS* program and history of narrowband satellite expertise, the Navy no longer has the motives to champion UHF communications that brought it into the narrowband satellite communications arena in the 1970s. When UHF satellite communications were conceived, they were intended to provide afloat users with very narrow bandwidth command and control links via the Information Exchange Subsystem¹⁷⁹ family of satellite links. UHF was chosen as an appropriate frequency range because it permitted installation of reasonably small antennas on the already crowded superstructure of ships. Today, bandwidth requirements shipboard far exceed the ability of UHF to deliver data. Instead, the disadvantaged mobile user, typically assessed as troops on the ground, is the intended beneficiary of the “last-mile” *MUOS* system. In an environment where more than 90% of satellite control and operation efforts are accomplished by the Air Force, and Navy forces’ reliance on UHF is superseded by commercial and high-bandwidth systems, might not the Navy relieve itself of this program?

DoD Directive 5101.2 identifies eight major responsibilities for the individual service components to accomplish with regard to National Security Space programs. Of these eight responsibilities, a committee of the Naval Studies Board identifies four (including the responsibility for acquisition programs) as having “...little or no evidence of responsive naval management actions.”¹⁸⁰ The Naval Studies board uses this critical evaluation to advocate increased emphasis across the entire spectrum of requirements of the 2001 DoD Directive, yet manpower and resources to accomplish the entirety of that effort are not identified and presumably unavailable, as current Department of Defense priorities are rather more focused on the immediate challenges of the Global War on

¹⁷⁹ TADIXS, <http://www.globalsecurity.org/intell/systems/tadixs.htm>, OTCIXS, <http://www.globalsecurity.org/intell/library/reports/2001/compendium/OTCIXS.htm>, SSIXS, <http://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/systems/ssixs.htm>

¹⁸⁰ National Research Council. Committee on the Navy’s Needs in Space for Providing Future Capabilities. *The Navy’s Needs in Space for Providing Future Capabilities*. The National Academies Press 2005. p. 68.. http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=11200&page=68. June 2007.

Terrorism. Instead, divestiture of this apparently inadequate and redundant acquisition effort by the Navy will permit more appropriate focus of resources on other Department of Defense space requirements.

In the same way that the various services should turn to the Air Force as the service provider for satellite operations and bandwidth, so should the Navy relinquish its development and acquisition of satellite systems to the Air Force. With “historical imperative” as the primary rationale for continuing to field and acquire satellites, the Navy needs to divest itself of this non-core operation.

Programmatic funding and reallocation is a concern under this construct. Planned annual unclassified Navy expenditures on space-related activities each year between FY 2004 and FY 2009 are approximately \$1.3 billion. Nearly 90% of these funds support Navy satellite communications, but more specifically, program operation and acquisition of narrowband satellite communications comprises almost 50%.

The Navy’s space-related budget is allocated to the following:¹⁸¹

- Communications satellites (*UFO, MUOS*), 49.8%
- Satellite communications terminals, 38.7%
- NAVSOC, 5.2%
- Global Positioning System receivers and equipment, 2.8%
- Spectrum management and interference reduction, 1.5%
- Navy TENCAP and the Ground Moving Target Indication Advance Concept Technology Demonstration, 1.1%
- Meteorology and oceanography, 0.9%
- Missile warning, 0.005%

Transfer of the communication satellites line item from Navy PEO Space and PMW-146 control to the Air Force’s Space and Missile Center (SMC) will likely represent a complete loss of these funds for the Navy. In an era of ballooning expenditures for support of day-to-day combat operations and tightly controlled budgets

¹⁸¹ National Research Council. Committee on the Navy’s Needs in Space for Providing Future Capabilities. *The Navy’s Needs in Space for Providing Future Capabilities*. The National Academies Press 2005. p. 23. http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=11200&page=23. June 2007.

across the Department of Defense, the panorama of overall DoD outlays must take precedence over service-specific programs and turf battles. In the National Security Space “big-picture” view, transfer of these narrowband satellite communication programs to Air Force control may achieve cost savings in the aggregation of related missions with existing programs at SMC. Redundancies in overhead, from administration to physical infrastructure and facilities are easily identified, and encompass only a thumbnail sketch of savings when compared to potential efficiencies gained through process and production standardization.

While the shift of programmatic and acquisition responsibilities to the Air Force represents a loss of funds to the Navy, recovery of the human resources from PEO Space and PMW-146 presents an excellent opportunity for the strengthening of both the Navy Space Cadre as well as the real historical core competency¹⁸² of the Navy’s space efforts – scientific research and technology development.

E. REINVORGATION OF NAVY SPACE S&T AND UTILIZATION OF THE NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

As evidenced by the vast array and number of awards and accomplishments garnered by the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), the organization has served the Navy well as the preeminent developer of space and science and technology research for the enterprise.¹⁸³ From initial high altitude atmospheric research, to the fielding of the *Vanguard* program in response to the launch of *Sputnik* in 1957, the NRL has a legacy of space systems development stretching back more than a half century. Though it yielded up its rocket design expertise to NASA in 1958, continuation of research and development efforts in orbital systems established a superlative reputation for engineering expertise and rigorous space science. A variety of internal re-structuring, divisional re-coding and re-naming have occurred since the late 1950s, however, the

¹⁸² Gary Federici. *From the Sea to the Stars*. Naval Historical Center. July 2003. Various. <http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>. May 2007. Summary verbiage in Chapter 5 emphasizes the U.S. Navy’s scientific legacy and “long pole of technical and scientific competence.” <http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>.

¹⁸³ Department of the Navy, Naval Research Laboratory Website. <http://www.nrl.navy.mil/content.php?P=PATENTS>. June 2007.

present form of NRL's space science and technology organization has been in existence since 1986. In October of that year, the Space Systems and Technology division was re-named the Naval Center for Space Technology (NCST), and assigned oversight duties for the Space Systems Development Department, the Spacecraft Engineering Department, and the Space Systems Technology Department.¹⁸⁴

1. Mission & Focus of Effort

Specifically included in the mission statement for the NRL with regards to space is identification of its position within the Department of the Navy:

- “Serves as the lead Navy activity for space technology and space systems development and support.”

...and...

NRL, the Navy's single, integrated Corporate Laboratory, provides the Navy with a broad foundation of in-house expertise from scientific through advanced development activity. Specific leadership responsibilities are assigned in the following areas:...

- Space and space systems technology, development, and support.¹⁸⁵

A fairly small organization, employing approximately 2500 personnel, the NRL has a narrower focus on research and science than the existing organizations responsible for developing, acquiring and operating space technology. NCST efforts, and related NRL work – in space environments, space science, high-bandwidth communications, and remote sensing – are more accurately aligned with the Navy's traditional “leveraged funding”¹⁸⁶ and “ruthless customer” paradigm than the large-scale programmatic of the existing Program Executive Office system in place.

¹⁸⁴ Department of the Navy. Naval Research Laboratory Website, NCST Homepage. *The Origin of NCST*. <http://ncst-www.nrl.navy.mil/NCSTOrigin/NCSTOrigin2.html>. June 2007.

¹⁸⁵ Department of the Navy. Naval Research Laboratory Website. <http://www.nrl.navy.mil/content.php?P=MISSION>. June 2007.

¹⁸⁶ Gary Federici. *From the Sea to the Stars*. Naval Historical Center. July 2003. Section 4.14.1. <http://www.history.navy.mil/books/space/index.htm>. May 2007.

The Naval Center for Space Technology is positioned and focused to perform fundamental advanced science and technology for both the Navy and the greater National Security Space community. Without the burden of needing to support Navy-specific acquisition, personnel and efforts could be used to fulfill Navy needs in space¹⁸⁷ at the technology development level rather than the systems deployment level. Use of this extensive intellectual talent pool with relief from the political considerations and Byzantine maneuvering of systems acquisition permits more productive research, with corresponding improvements in systems refinement and development time. Additionally, technology transfer is simplified in this model. With all Navy space technology under development in-house at NCST, and all contracting and acquisition taking place at the Air Force's Space and Missile Center, communication requirements for multiple R&D and contracting organizations are eliminated. Further, protocols between these two expert organizations, working exclusively within their area of competence, might be simplified, and partnering relationships taking advantage of the authoritative nature of each organization could be constructed.

2. Recovery of Capabilities

Intelligence Satellite Development by the Naval Research Laboratory

In a sense, the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) became a victim of its own success. Beginning in 1960, the nation's investment in space-based systems expanded tremendously. The expansion was far beyond anything that an organization even as large as NRL could cope with. Although NRL developed and launched some 80 satellites in the four decades between 1960 and 2000, the number was only 1 or 2 percent of the total national effort. NRL's expertise in sensor technology and scientific research caused the expertise of its staff to be sought out and funded by a long list of non-Navy organizations (the Air Force, Army, Missile Defense Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Security Agency, National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), National Science Foundation, predecessors of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, and others). The support that NRL received from all of these non-Navy organizations was sufficient to allow it to build up a large and very competent staff.

¹⁸⁷ Department of the Navy. Memorandum for Under Secretary of the Air Force/Executive Agent for Space. *Navy Space Needs*. 13 February 2006.

Through the early 1980s, NRL's largest effort was in support of the development of classified prototype surveillance satellites. These developments were indeed successful, to the degree that the sponsoring agency (NRO) decided to go into serial production of such satellites. Since NRL was a research laboratory and not a manufacturing facility, the production of the next generation of satellites was transferred to an industrial organization. This transfer left many members of the NRL staff without sponsor support and necessitated a rather traumatic drawdown in the number of NRL personnel available to manage the development, acquisition, and launch of full satellite systems. The difficulty was that the Navy (through the Office of Naval Research) only provided funds to cover NRL's basic research activities. In the past three decades, no Navy funds have been provided to NRL to develop and launch new satellite systems. As a consequence, NRL's ability to develop and deploy satellite systems that offer the Navy new warfighting capabilities has diminished by a significant amount.¹⁸⁸

Returning the Navy to active participation, funding and use of its own premier space systems research and development organization is a crucial step in centralizing and simplifying the complex mish-mash of space systems requirements articulation, capabilities experimentation and systems design and development. Through a renaissance in S&T, and recognition of that function as a core competency of the Navy's space efforts, representation of the Navy's needs in space can be more clearly articulated to organizations acting as service providers.

3. Human Capital Re-Use

In addition to the Navy-provided funding required to re-invigorate the NRL and NCST, use of the talent pool and expertise currently scattered throughout Program Offices within the NRO and the Navy is imperative.¹⁸⁹ NETWARCOM, in its 2007 Strategic Plan, establishes a goal to:

- *Ensure Navy fully leverages and influences Space capabilities.*

With the following major supporting strategies:

¹⁸⁸ National Research Council. Committee on the Navy's Needs in Space for Providing Future Capabilities. *The Navy's Needs in Space for Providing Future Capabilities*. The National Academies Press 2005. Appendix A. p.157. http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=11200&page=157. June 2007.

¹⁸⁹ Taylor Dinerman. *The U.S. Navy: lost in space?* The Space Review. 24 October 2005. <http://www.thespacereview.com/article/480/1>. June 2007.

- Improve human capital: Cultivate Navy Space Cadre expertise for assignment in Navy, as well as Joint space and national Security Space (NSS) billets.
- Ingrain cultural change: Harvest space-related best practices from Naval Space Campaign lessons learned and institutionalize them through doctrine and policy.¹⁹⁰

Use of Navy Space Cadre officers, reassigned PEO Space and PMW-146 personnel, and pure science and technology researchers within the umbrella of the Naval Research Laboratory provides an opportunity for cross-cultural learning, improved communication between system developers and warfighters, clearer understanding of system capabilities and limitations, and ultimately, more complete, accurate and lucid requirements definition to the Air Force in an acquisition and service provider role.

Revitalization of the role of the NRL and NCST as the “center of excellence” for Navy Space provides not only an organizational hub for the ad-hocracy that describes the larger Navy Space organization, but also supports Department of Defense requirements to maintain space skills in an expert cadre.¹⁹¹ Formalization of the Navy’s focus for space within the realm of science and technology, with corollary requirements in experimentation and technology transfer, demands levels of expertise not only in the academic environment, but also within the uniformed members of the Space Cadre. Rotation of military, and even civilian scientists, from within the developmental center of the NCST to a variety of jobs in fields such as operational requirements definition and systems acquisition provides for a broad-spectrum distribution of knowledge, skills and critical abilities. Additionally, unification of personnel who provide expertise in requirements generation with technical experts provides a method to allay fears of lack of Navy involvement during the requirements definition phase of the acquisition process. Through proper positioning of these key, cross-trained personnel within joint acquisition

¹⁹⁰ Department of the Navy. *Naval Network Warfare Command Strategic Plan. Executive Summary, Version 2.0*. Naval Network Warfare Command. 23 March 2007. p.12. Cited strategies comprise only two of eight identified initiatives.

¹⁹¹ United States. Department of Defense Directive 5101.2, *DoD Executive Agent for Space*. July 2003. Section 6.3.5. <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/html/510102.htm>. June 2007.

and program offices, the Navy Space Cadre can be used to defend Navy interests in large national and DoD satellite programs throughout their entire lifecycle.

F. SELLING THE FARM...AND BUYING A NEW ONE.

Navy efforts in the broad spectrum of space endeavors for much of the last two decades have been decentralized, fragmented and characterized by a lack of rudder authority. Alignment of operational Navy space efforts under NETWARCOM at its inception in 2002 exacerbated the drift in Navy space functions as that organization struggled with its initial sense of mission and the demands of a newly “network-centric” operating concept. Large-scale Navy policy efforts from 2002 on have been largely predicated on the concept of Sea Power 21. This four-part strategy relies both in part and in its entirety on products, services and capabilities provided by space systems. Within the space products and capabilities required by Sea Power 21 are a variety of Navy-unique requirements, without which the construct becomes unworkable. Analysis of critical dependencies on space infrastructure indicate that, without clear and unambiguous requirements definition on the part of the Navy for future space systems, participation in future conflicts will be restricted by unmet needs.¹⁹² Under the existing hash of internal and external acquisition procedures and agencies, satellite operations and resource providers, and Navy specific space requirements generation processes,¹⁹³ the Navy’s needs for space-provided resources will clearly not be met.

It is time for the Navy to transfer its programmatic and acquisition efforts to another agency, and invest exclusively in a two pronged approach consisting of science and technology R&D and the promotion of a robust, effective Navy Space Cadre. The alternative is for the concentration of effort in Navy space to remain unfocused, irrelevant, and mired in historical *raison d’être*.

¹⁹² National Research Council. Committee on the Navy’s Needs in Space for Providing Future Capabilities. *The Navy’s Needs in Space for Providing Future Capabilities*. The National Academies Press 2005. Various. Executive Summary, Chapter 3, Chapter 4. http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=11200&page=157. June 2007.

¹⁹³ For an overview of the Navy’s method of operational input for space related requirements, see *The Navy’s Needs in Space for Providing Future Capabilities*, p. 70.

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VI. FINAL CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. THESIS SUMMARY

Navy efforts in the space arena have a storied history and comprise a valued contribution to national security space efforts. Achievements of the past permit the prestige of the present, but it is time to look to the future from the perspective of appropriate resource use, not nostalgia. In line with the current Department of Defense force transformation and restructuring, U.S. Navy space efforts are in a state of flux. Prompted by policy requirements and a sort of institutional peer-pressure, the Navy's space community has attempted to maintain a certain status within the DoD, ease pressures coming from Capital Hill regarding the need for a Space Cadre, and perpetuate an institutional legacy of space excellence. In this venture, however, the selected approach and accepted organizational goals lie at cross purposes with sober business considerations and functionality. The time has come for the Navy to relinquish its redundant operational control of communication satellites and re-focus on science and technology research. Secondly, current efforts by NETWARCOM and senior Navy leadership to establish a solid Navy Space Cadre fall short when compared to other services' efforts. The future success of Navy space is dependent on the growth and empowerment of a vigorous Navy Space Cadre. Finally, to ensure the maximum effectiveness of future Navy space efforts, the Navy must redefine its role in the acquisition process by eliminating the PEO Space Systems office, to include PMW-146, and reinvest in the NRL, ensuring continuation of necessary S&T research and advancements. These proposed restructuring efforts can pave the way to the realization of the full potential of the Navy space enterprise.

In an effort to aid in the decision-making process required to contemplate such a proposal, exposure to the definitions, concepts, instructions and policies associated with the Naval Space Campaign is required. Current Department of Defense and Department of the Navy policy statements are a constructive step in promoting the necessary and critical nature of space operations and have produced positive, but limited results. Unfortunately, the high-level statements lack sufficient clarity in some areas, and that

ambiguity has resulted in a lack of accomplishment in some details. The establishment of NETWARCOM as the Navy Space Type Commander, formalization of the Navy Space Cadre, composition of the Naval Space Campaign, and the trial run of the first ever CSG Staff Space Officer comprise highlights of Navy space efforts in the face of vague doctrine and apparent senior-level disinterest. Additional clarity in the Navy space doctrinal library regarding an implementation strategy and consolidated Navy space architecture is needed, as well as leadership involvement and guidance in the joint space environment.

Literature regarding DoD space cadre activity has been critical of the U.S. Navy's efforts in establishing and implementing an effective strategy for their space cadre program. As a response to the 2001 Space Commission report, the Secretary of the Navy mandated the establishment of a 'cross-community' Navy Space Cadre to meet requirements stated in that document and subsequent DoD Directive 5101.2. From the beginning, the Navy Space Cadre has been considered a subspecialty occupation, secondary to the individual's primary profession. Currently there are approximately 800 active duty officers, 120 reserve officers and 300 civilian personnel that make up the cadre. Though the Navy Space Cadre Advisors have recently made strides to improve the Navy's utilization of the expertise contained within the membership of its cadre, the Navy still lags other services' space efforts. Disregard of this state of affairs at senior levels seems to be endemic, perhaps overshadowed by other pressing concerns of institutional mission, asymmetric warfare and budget struggles. Proposals for cost-savings and more efficient human capital use would therefore seem to be timely and appropriate. Proper utilization of the Navy Space Cadre is a continuous struggle. The detailing processes, creation of billets and training/education have plagued cadre leadership, and pose a roadblock to the task of building and maintaining a robust space cadre.

In the traditional, blue-water mission area, the Navy Space Cadre is just beginning to receive operational employment. Recent undertakings by the first CSG Staff Space Officer have provided the cadre with a senior, operational commander convinced of the importance of space effects for the seagoing military force. Leverage of this operational

advocacy provides the necessary muscle to influence future deliberations regarding the need for Navy Space Cadre use, improvements and growth. The Navy Space Cadre's ongoing struggle for validation and respect will continue until senior Navy leadership recognizes space as an indispensable 'force multiplier' and allocates resources commensurate with that status.

The Navy should establish new, more efficient and cost effective methods to achieve its requirements for space effects. The current construct for operation and control of space-borne assets no longer provides tangible benefits to the Navy, and should the Navy transfer possession of these satellites to the Air Force, it would streamline the organizational command and control of SATCOM systems and enable greater simplicity in the overall U.S. space architecture. Additionally, disestablishment of PEO Space Systems and PMW-146 and subsequent reinvestment in science and technology efforts more clearly focus and bound the scope of Navy space efforts. To ensure the Navy's needs and requirements are represented and fielded in this new structure, the Navy must carefully position Navy Space Cadre personnel in key positions to influence and direct Navy space efforts throughout the DoD and civilian space environment.

B. FURTHER EXPLORATION

The United States has become increasingly reliant on space. Space is a critical center of gravity for the military, as well as a vital link in the modern networked civilian world. Planning and execution of operations, at the strategic, operational and tactical levels are dependent upon space.

Space power provides military leaders, operators, and planners with enormous force-enhancement effects that multiply joint combat effectiveness in prosecuting theater campaigns. Space systems significantly improve friendly forces' ability to strike at the enemy's heart or COGs, paralyzing an adversary to allow land, sea, and air forces to achieve rapid dominance of the battlespace.¹⁹⁴

¹⁹⁴ Mark E. Harter, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force. "10 Propositions Regarding Space Power, The Dawn of a Space Force." *Air and Space Journal-Summer 2006*. 1 June 2006.
<http://www.airpower.maxwell.af.mil/airchronicles/apj/apj06/sum06/harter.html>. 27 June 2007.

Much work remains to be done with regard to the DoD's future efforts concerning space utilization and exploitation for warfighting. As a medium, the unlimited potential of space has captured the imagination of generations of Americans. Novelists, scientists, filmmakers, and military theorists have all endeavored to address the latent promise of the 'ultimate high ground'. Stupendous effort and study to develop implementable military theories for space use remains, and this thesis only scratches the surface of that narrow, ongoing debate. In the broadest military context, analysis is required to aide in the determination of the direction of future DoD space activities, and as a subset of that work, the Navy's future course in space must be established. This section contains recommended future research in line with that subject.

1. Navy Space Officer (NSO)

Establishment of a separate career path and designation for Navy space-qualified officers is a topic that deserves rigorous analysis. To date, all formal efforts in Navy space personnel management have revolved around the central concept of the 'cross-designator' community. Specific analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of this concept have been touched upon in this thesis, but the full scope and potential impact of founding a separate career path for Navy Space Officers remains unexplored. Arguments for such an approach to future Navy space manning can be categorized in terms of return-on-investment,¹⁹⁵ low opportunity cost,¹⁹⁶ and improved representation within senior leadership forums. Counter-arguments can be framed as cost-benefit relations, overlap with existing community missions,¹⁹⁷ and potential loss of space expertise within line officer communities.

¹⁹⁵ Training and education for existing personnel filling space-qualified billets should be considered a sunk cost.

¹⁹⁶ *exempli gratia*: Re-designation of "homeless" officers from disestablished communities like F-14 or S-3 squadrons.

¹⁹⁷ Information Warfare, Intelligence and Information Professional communities already share large numbers of Space-qualified officers with overlapping mission and assignments.

The opportunity for continued research and consideration of a new Navy space designator is available for those that wish to ensure the Navy continues in its efforts to maximize the use of space in support of the fleet.

2. United States Space Force

Though discussion regarding creation of a U.S. Space Force dates back to early debates on the missions of the U.S. Air Force,¹⁹⁸ recent internal Air Force discussion in Air University, National Space Studies Center,¹⁹⁹ and Air Force periodicals has raised the intensity and volume of this dialogue.

The strength of space contributions in strategic military, commercial, and economic operations is undeniable. Space power is not just a continuation of airpower; space is a unique, distinct, war-fighting medium. Continuing to restrain US space power from developing its own identity, culture, theory, and doctrine is to confine a powerful dimension of war fighting available only through the fourth medium of space. Undisputed combat space power is drawing near, and the United States may be on the brink of unleashing decisive military space operations, ushering in the era of a separate space force. The reality is that, as in the evolution of airpower, the true potential of a nation's military space power will come to fruition only when a separate space force is created, complete with its own space-competent leadership, organization, doctrine, theory, policy, and resources.²⁰⁰

A Navy perspective on the subject and potential structure of a U.S. Space Force would be of value to this ongoing debate.

With its own budget, the space service will be able to concentrate on making sure that all the other services have access to the best space-based

¹⁹⁸ Time Magazine. *Aerospace Force?* 17 March 1961.
<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,894428,00.html>. June 2007.

¹⁹⁹ See the National Space Studies Center website for a consolidated listing of U.S. Space Force and U.S. Air Force discussion: <http://space.au.af.mil/cadre.htm>.

²⁰⁰ Mark E. Harter, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force. "10 Propositions Regarding Space Power, The Dawn of a Space Force." *Air and Space Journal-Summer 2006*. 1 June 2006.
<http://www.airpower.maxwell.af.mil/airchronicles/apj/apj06/sum06/harter.html>. 27 June 2007.

support possible. The Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and others who use America's military space assets will not have to worry about institutional favoritism...²⁰¹

Examination of potential benefits for the United States Navy in regards to the argument for a new Space Force provide an excellent opportunity for future research and should be considered for inclusion in the Space Systems Operations curricula at the Naval Postgraduate School.

C. CONCLUSION

Leadership in modern military space efforts is less about an organization's ability to field equipment and orbital systems, and more about effective and rapid policy implementation, institutional focus and clear, concise requirements definition. In recent years, the Navy has fallen short in these undertakings. Senior Navy leadership seems to perceive space-related missions as an on-demand service, without a grasp of the complexities inherent in the operation of the required architectures. Policy and doctrine, though enunciated at the appropriate levels, lacks clarity and specifics and provides insufficient guidance for the naval planner of space systems. Knowledge and hard-earned experience in naval space operations are rare within the Naval officer corps, and individuals possessed of these qualities are sought after for reasons other than their space know-how.

Efforts like the Naval Space Campaign and Navy Space Cadre Human Capital Strategy are steps in the right direction to correct the deficiencies of current Navy space endeavors. These successes, however, need to be extended through careful refinement of the Navy's overall mission with regard to space. Policy revision, human capital and budgetary allocation and outsourcing of non-core tasks must be considered to enable organizational success as measured by effective, timely and responsive use of space and space effects. The future of the United States Navy's space programs are yet unwritten,

²⁰¹ Taylor Dinerman. "United States Space Force: Sooner than Later." The Space Review. 27 February 2006. <http://www.thespacereview.com/article/565/1>. 27 June 2007.

but with a strong investment in its space cadre and redirected efforts supporting fundamental science and technology, that future promises to be as bright as the historical achievements of past.

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APPENDIX: SIGNIFICANT DEFINITIONS

This appendix provides further detail regarding the definitions offered in Chapter II. Some of the definitions have been edited to allow for the most prevalent portions to be viewed. Unedited versions of the definitions can be found in the documents themselves located in the List of References section of this thesis.

A. ORGANIZATIONS

1. January 11, 2001 U.S. Commission to Assess National Security Space Management and Organizations (2001 Space Commission)

The Commission was established pursuant to a provision inserted in the FY2000 National Defense Authorization Act. The Commission met from May-December 2000 and issued its report on January 11, 2001. Members were:

- Donald Rumsfeld (until resigning on being nominated SecDef in December)
- Former Senator Malcolm Wallop (R-WY)
- Duane Andrews, former Asst. SecDef for C4I
- Robert Davis, former Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Space
- William Graham, former Director of the White House Office of Science and Tech Policy
- General Howell Estes, USAF (Ret.), former commander, U.S. Space Command
- General Ronald Fogleman, USAF (Ret.), former Air Force Chief of Staff
- General Charles Horner, USAF (Ret.) former commander, U.S. Space Command
- Admiral David Jeremiah, USN (Ret.) former Vice Chairman, JCS
- General Tom Moorman, USAF (Ret.), former Air Force Vice Chief of Staff
- General Glenn Otis, USA (Ret.), former CINC, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army
- LtGeneral Jay Garner, USA (Ret.), former Army Assistant Vice Chief of Staff

- Douglas Necessary, former House Armed Services Committee staff member²⁰²

The recommendations from the commission were as follows:

1. The President should consider establishing space as a national security priority.
2. The President should consider the appointment of a Presidential Space Advisory Board to provide independent advice on developing and employing new space capabilities.
3. The President should direct that a Senior Interagency Group for Space be established and staffed within the National Security Council structure.
4. The Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence should meet regularly to address national security space policy, objectives and issues.
5. An Under Secretary of Defense for Space, Intelligence and Information should be established.
6. Assign responsibility for the command of Air Force Space Command to a four-star officer other than CINCSpace/CINCNOAD [Command-in-Chief U.S. Space Command/Commander-in-Chief North American Aerospace Defense Command. End the practice of assigning only Air Force flight-rated officers to the position of CINCSpace and CINCNOAD.
7. Assign Air Force Space Command responsibility for providing the resources to execute space research, development, acquisition and operations....Assign the Air Force responsibility to organize, train and equip for prompt and sustained offensive and defensive air and space operations...and designate the Air Force as Executive Agent for Space within the Department of Defense.
8. Assign the Under Secretary of the Air Force as the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office and designate the Under Secretary as the Air Force Acquisition Executive for Space.
9. Direct the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the Services' laboratories to undertake development and demonstration of innovative space technologies and systems for dedicated military missions.
10. Establish a Major Force Program for Space (i.e., a separate budget category).

2. Naval Network Warfare Command

NETWARCOM is the functional component for space to USSTRATCOM and the Navy Space Type Commander. In close coordination with FLTFORCOM, Second Fleet, and carrier and expeditionary strike group commanders, NETWARCOM works to improve fleet combat effectiveness with smarter, more aggressive use of space effects and better

²⁰² Center for Defense Information, *Excerpts from the Report of the Commission to Assess United States National Security Space Management and Organization*. 12 January 2001. <http://www.cdi.org/program/issue/document.cfm?DocumentID=1335&IssueID=70&StartRow=1&ListRows=10&appendURL=&Orderby=DateLastUpdated&ProgramID=68&issueID=70>. June 2007.

understanding of how space effects support maritime operations. FLTFORCOM designated NETWARCOM as the Naval Space Campaign lead as directed in CNO Guidance 2005. NETWARCOM is also the functional authority for the Navy space cadre, ensuring operational space expertise is increased through the Fleet readiness Training Program and deployments. Naval Satellite Operations Center (NAVSOC) is a subordinate command that operates satellite constellations to provide military UHF narrow-band communications (Fleet Satellite), military UHF narrow-band, EHF and Global Broadcast System communications (UFO Follow-on) and support Ionospheric research . NAVSOC also operates the Geodetic/Geophysical Satellite (GEOSAT) Follow-on radar altimeter satellite that provides ocean surface height information to naval meteorological centers, and polar-orbiting host satellites that provide additional EHF communications to military users.²⁰³

3. Network, Information Operations, and Space Center Space Cell

The NIOSC Space Cell provides the following effects to both the Commander NETWARCOM and the fleet:

- Space Cell NNWC Internal Support
- Provides Commander, NNWC SSA/Synchronizes with NIOSC IO/NETOPS cells for synergistic effects
- NIOSC Space Cell Relationship to JSPOC:
 - *Coordination, synchronization, advocacy for maritime support requirements as community of interest members*
 - Broker space effects requirements for maritime users
 - Define/refine maritime support requirements and convey impacts to maritime users
- NIOSC Space Cell source for technical data to provide to fleet units
- NIOSC Space Cell's source of SSA (includes threat info and status of blue space forces)
- NIOSC Space Cell Support to MHQ/MOC (Operational level):
 - Reachback
 - Staff planning augmentation (data retrieval, info analysis, COA development)
 - Theater level synchronization of maritime space requirements
- NIOSC Space Cell Support to CSG/ESG (Tactical level):
 - Reachback
 - Staff planning augmentation (data retrieval, info analysis, COA development)
 - Provide tailored support products (SSA, etc.)

²⁰³ Department of the Navy. Naval Network Warfare Command Website. <http://www.netwarcom.navy.mil/>. May 2007.

- Maritime domain focus
 - Low bandwidth compatible
 - Daily Navy Space Brief: Emphasized SSA, focus on any adverse impact to maritime forces
- Space Launch Coordination: Coordination to deconflict ATLAS V launch from Cape Canaveral. Drove scheme of maneuver in JAXOA.
- CENTCOM Joint Space C2 Coordination Efforts:
 - Initiated coordination between the Joint DS4, JSPOC, NAVCENT Space Ops POC (N39), and CSG-8 to shape and influence the JSTO ISO maritime forces.
- Strike Support: Worked with JSPOC and CSG-8 Space Ops to provide both TACAIR and TLAM required GPS PDOP strike planning packages and coordination for GETS.
- Adversary Space: Research the space capabilities and related tactics of potential adversaries. Described how they could degrade our maritime forces by targeting centers of gravity supported by space capabilities.
- Connectivity/Manning: CSG-8 helped to define Space Cell comm/manning requirements based upon our support requirements.
- Coalition Space CONOPS: Researched possibility of conducting Space Ops at REL CNFC within CENTCOM based on CSG8 requirement.
- Fleet Space Playbook: aka Naval Space Campaign CONOPS, ready for CSG-8 OPTEST deployed.²⁰⁴

²⁰⁴ Julie Niedermaier, Commander, U.S. Navy. *Navy Space Cadre Update (SSFA Space Indoctrination)*. PowerPoint Brief. Slide 19. March 2007.

4. Naval Satellite Operations Center (NAVSOC)

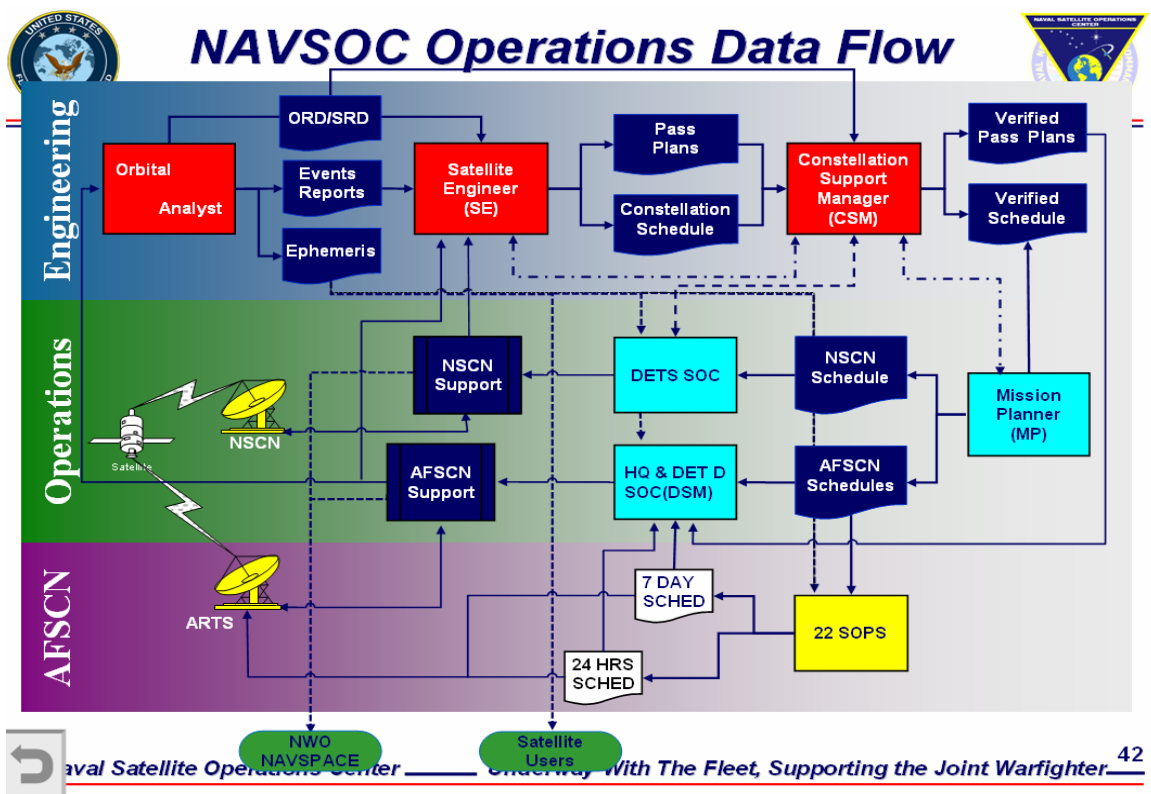


Figure 9. Naval Satellite Operations Center Operations Data Flow Diagram²⁰⁵

5. Maritime Headquarters with Maritime Operations Center (MHQ-MOC)

The design of the MHQ with MOC fulfills both service management and operational roles with full continuity across the range of military operations. MHQ with MOC allows the maritime commander to perform normal theater-wide operations across the region when no specific Joint Operations Area (JOA) has been established. The MHQ with MOC construct enables operational-level commands to fully support command relationships that could be chosen by a JFC:²⁰⁶

- NCC CDR as Service Component Commander with operational control (OPCON)

²⁰⁵ Paul M. Insch, Captain, U.S. Navy. *NAVSOC Command Brief*. Naval Satellite Operations Center. PowerPoint Brief. June 2006. Slide 42.

²⁰⁶ Department of the Navy. *Maritime Headquarters with Maritime Operations Center Concept of Operations (CONOPS), Final DRAFT Version*. 15 May 2006. p. ii.

- Numbered Fleet commanders and principal headquarters commanders as Service Component Commander with OPCON
- NCC CDR assigned as JFMCC
- Numbered Fleet commanders and principal headquarters commanders assigned as a JFMCC
- NCC CDR assigned as JTF Commander
- Numbered Fleet commanders and principal headquarters commanders assigned as JTF Commander

6. Carrier Strike Group (CSG)

Strike groups are formed and disestablished on an as-needed basis, and vary depending on timeline and mission. They are, however, all comprised of similar types of ships. A typical carrier strike group might have:



- **a carrier** – The carrier provides a wide range of options to the U.S. government from simply showing the flag to attacks on airborne, afloat and ashore targets. Because carriers operate in international waters, its aircraft do not need to secure landing rights on foreign soil. These ships also engage in sustained operations in support of other forces.
- **a guided missile cruiser** – multi-mission surface combatant. Equipped with *Tomahawks* for long-range strike capability.
- **two guided missile destroyers** – multi-mission surface combatants, used primarily for anti-air warfare (AAW)
- **an attack submarine** – in a direct support role seeking out and destroying hostile surface ships and submarines
- **a combined ammunition, oiler, and supply ship** – provides logistic support enabling the Navy's forward presence; on station, ready to respond

The Carrier Strike Group (CSG) could be employed in a variety of roles, all of which would involve the gaining and maintenance of sea control:

- Protection of economic and/or military shipping.
- Protection of a Marine amphibious force while enroute to, and upon arrival in, an amphibious objective area.
- Establishing a naval presence in support of national interests.

Figure 10. Standard CSG Profile²⁰⁷

²⁰⁷ Department of the Navy. *The Carrier Strike Group*. <http://www.navy.mil/navydata/ships/carriers/powerhouse/cvbg.asp>. June 2007.

7. Joint Space Operations Center (JSpOC)

The primary functions of the JSpOC are:

- Develop a global space operations strategy to meet CDRUSSTRATCOM objectives and guidance.
- Assist development of theater space operations strategy to meet geographic unified commander objectives and guidance through robust interaction with theater AOCs.
- Produce and disseminate the Joint Space Tasking Order (JSTO).
- Task and execute day-to-day space operations for assigned and attached space forces.
- Receive, assemble, analyze, filter and disseminate space-related all-source intelligence and weather information to support air and space operations planning, execution and assessment.
- Conduct operational-level assessments to determine mission and overall space operations effectiveness as required by CDRUSSTRATCOM and other geographic unified combatant commanders to support global and theater combat assessments.²⁰⁸

8. Government Accountability Office (GAO)

GAO's primary products are reports, often called "blue books," and testimony before Congress. GAO also issues correspondence (letters), which are narrower in scope, of more limited interest, and do not contain recommendations. With virtually the entire federal government subject to its review, the agency issues a steady stream of products, usually over 900 separate products a year. The agency operates under strict professional standards of review. All numbers and statements of fact presented in GAO work are thoroughly checked and referenced.

Most reports are done at the request of members of Congress--often committee chairpersons and ranking minority members. The agency also responds, whenever possible, to requests from individual members. For example, a senator might ask GAO to examine fraud in the Food Stamp Program. Or a House committee might request a study of a weapon system that is over budget and behind schedule. Other program reviews are required by law or are self-initiated under the agency's own authority.²⁰⁹

²⁰⁸ Department of the Air Force. "Air Force Operational Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures 2-3.4, Joint Space Operations Center (Draft)." 20 January 2006.

²⁰⁹ Government Accountability Office Website. <http://www.gao.gov/about/aboutrpt.html>. June 2007.

9. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR)

SPAWARSYSCOM is the Navy's premier Command, Control, Communications, and Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) command for acquisition and life-cycle management of communications and warfare systems. SPAWAR is a dynamic organization, providing world-class information solution to the Warfighters.²¹⁰

10. Program Executive Office (PEO) Space Systems

PEO Space Systems Organization

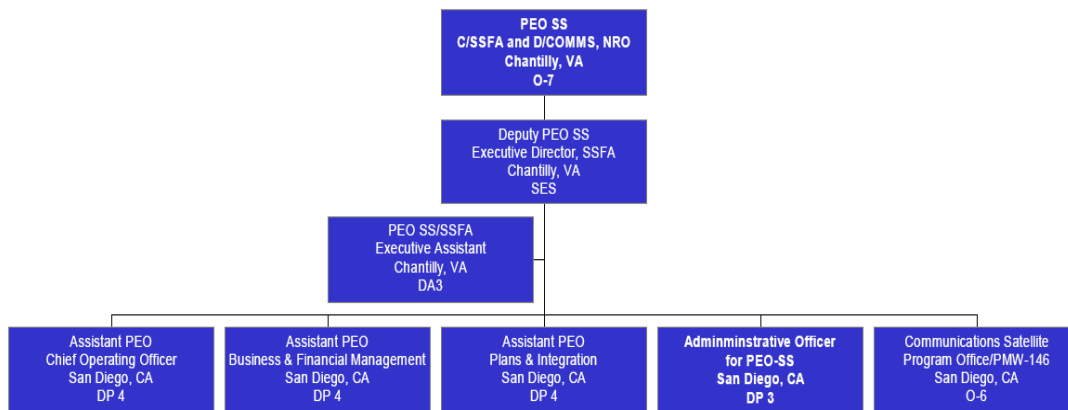


Figure 11. Program Executive Office Space Systems Organizational Chart²¹¹

²¹⁰ Department of the Navy. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Website. <http://www.spawar.navy.mil>. May 2007.

²¹¹ Department of the Navy. *PEO Space Systems Missions Statement*. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. <http://enterprise.spawar.navy.mil/body.cfm?type=c&category=26&subcat=54>. May 2007.

11. Navy Communications Satellite Program Office (PMW-146)

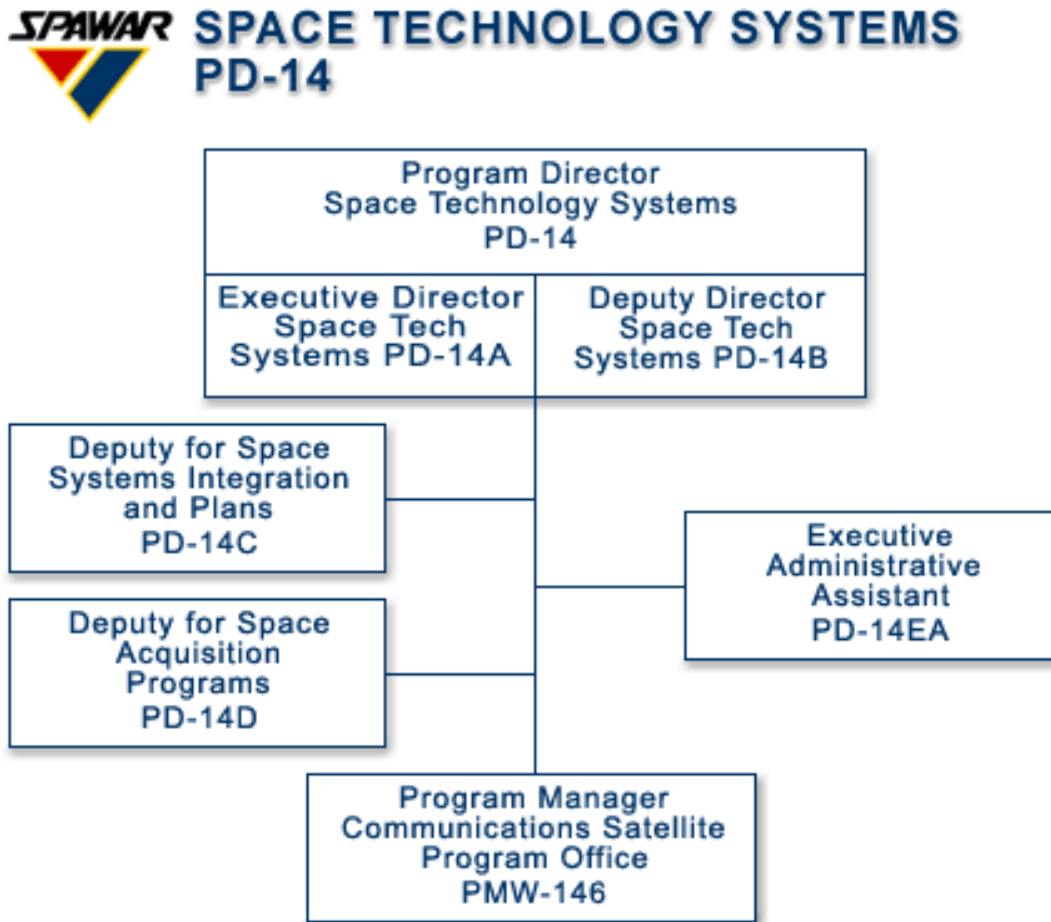


Figure 12. PMW-146 Communications Satellite Programs Office Organizational Chart²¹²

12. National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)

As part of the 16-member Intelligence Community, the NRO plays a primary role in achieving information superiority for the U. S. Government and Armed Forces.

A DoD agency, the NRO is staffed by DoD and CIA personnel. It is funded through the National Reconnaissance Program, part of the National Foreign Intelligence Program. Vision and Mission: The NRO is guided by

²¹² Department of the Navy. *PMW-146 Organizational Chart*. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. <http://enterprise.spawar.navy.mil/pd14/PMW146/index.htm>. June 2007.

its vision of being Freedom's Sentinel in Space: One Team, Revolutionizing Global Reconnaissance. Our Mission: The NRO develops and operates unique and innovative overhead reconnaissance systems and conducts intelligence related activities essential for U.S. National Security.²¹³

13. Naval Research Laboratories (NRL)

In 1992, the Secretary of the Navy consolidated existing Navy Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Engineering facilities and Fleet Support facilities to form a corporate community. This community consists of a single corporate research laboratory (NRL) aligned with the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and four warfare-oriented centers aligned by mission with the Systems Commands. The four centers are the Naval Air Warfare Center, the Naval Command Control and Ocean Surveillance Center, the Naval Surface Warfare Center, and the Naval Undersea Warfare Center.

As part of the consolidation, the Naval Oceanographic and Atmospheric Research Laboratory, with locations in Stennis Space Center, Mississippi, and Monterey, California, merged with NRL to become what is today, the Navy's corporate laboratory.

Mission: NRL operates as the Navy's full-spectrum corporate laboratory, conducting a broadly based multidisciplinary program of scientific research and advanced technological development directed toward maritime applications of new and improved materials, techniques, equipment, systems and ocean, atmospheric, and space sciences and related technologies. In fulfillment of this mission, NRL:

- Initiates and conducts broad scientific research of a basic and long-range nature in scientific areas of interest to the Navy.
- Conducts exploratory and advanced technological development deriving from or appropriate to the scientific program areas.
- Within areas of technological expertise, develops prototype systems applicable to specific projects.
- Assumes responsibility as the Navy's principal R&D activity in areas of unique professional competence upon designation from appropriate Navy or DOD authority.
- Performs scientific research and development for other Navy activities and, where specifically qualified, for other agencies of the Department of Defense and, in defense-related efforts, for other Government agencies.

²¹³ United States. National Reconnaissance Office Website. <http://www.nro.gov/index.html>. May 2007.

- Serves as the lead Navy activity for space technology and space systems development and support.
- Serves as the lead Navy activity for mapping, charting, and geodesy (MC&G) research and development for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA).²¹⁴

14. Navy Center for Space Technology (NCST)

The Space Systems Development Department (SSDD) is the space and ground support systems research and development organization of the Naval Center for Space Technology (NCST). Located at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington DC, the primary objective of the SSDD is to develop space systems to respond to Navy, Department of Defense, and national mission requirements with improved performance, capacity, reliability, efficiency, and/or life cycle cost. Together with the Spacecraft Engineering Department (SED), the SSDD derives system requirements from a mission, develops architectures in response to these requirements, and designs and develops systems, subsystems, equipment, and implementation technologies to achieve an optimized, integrated operational space and ground system.²¹⁵

Spacecraft Engineering Department (SED): Under the aegis of the Naval Center for Space Technology (NCST), SED serves as the focal point for the Navy's in-house spacecraft bus capability. Research and development activities range from concept and feasibility studies through initial on-orbit space systems operation. Design, assembly, and test activities are performed in conjunction with NCST's Space Systems Development Department (SSDD). The SED provides analysis, design, and hardware expertise in structures and mechanisms, attitude determination and control systems, propulsion and reaction control systems, thermal control systems, satellite integration and test, launch vehicle integration, and satellite-to-boost-stage integration. The SED functions as the Program Manager for Navy Space Programs. In this role, systems engineering and technical directions are provided while maintaining an active in-house satellite development capability. The SED performs as a prototype laboratory in this role and ensures that designs are transferable to industry for follow-on satellite builds.²¹⁶

²¹⁴ Department of the Navy. *NRL Missions Statement*. Naval Research Laboratory. <http://www.nrl.navy.mil/content.php?P=MISSION>. June 2007.

²¹⁵ Department of the Navy. *Space Systems Development Department*. Naval Center for Space Technology. Naval Research Laboratory. <http://code8100.nrl.navy.mil/>. June 2007.

²¹⁶ Department of the Navy. *Spacecraft Engineering Department*. Naval Center for Space Technology. Naval Research Laboratory. <http://code8200.nrl.navy.mil/>. June 2007.

B. CONCEPTS

1. Sea Power 21

"SEA POWER 21" will guide our Navy as we defend our nation and defeat our enemies in the uncertain century before us. It will align our efforts, accelerate our progress, and realize the potential of our people.

SEA POWER 21 defines a Navy with three fundamental concepts: *SEA SHIELD*, *SEA STRIKE*, and *the SEA BASE*, enabled by *FORCEnet*. Respectively, they enhance America's ability to project offensive power, defensive assurance, and operational independence around the globe. A supporting triad of initiatives will develop those core operational concepts: *Sea Warrior*, *SEA TRIAL*, and *Sea Enterprise*.

SEA SHIELD develops naval capabilities related to homeland defense, sea control, assured access, and projecting defense overland. By doing so, it reassures allies, strengthens deterrence, and protects the joint force.

SEA STRIKE is a broadened concept for naval power projection that leverages enhanced C4ISR, precision, stealth, and endurance to increase operational tempo, reach, and effectiveness.

The SEA BASE projects the sovereignty of the United States globally while providing Joint Force Commanders with vital command and control, fire support, and logistics from the sea, thereby minimizing vulnerable assets ashore.

Sea Warrior is the process of developing 21st century Sailors. It identifies the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed for mission accomplishment; applies a career-long training and education continuum; and employs a responsive, interactive career management system to ensure the right skills are in the right place at the right time.

SEA TRIAL is a continual process of concept and technology development through focused wargames, experiments, and exercises. It strengthens the Navy's culture of innovation and accelerates the delivery of enhanced capabilities to the Fleet.

Sea Enterprise captures efficiencies by employing lessons. From the business revolution to assess organizational alignment; target areas for improvement, and prioritize investments.

FORCEnet is an overarching effort to integrate warriors, sensors, networks, command and control, platforms, and weapons into a fully

netted, combat force. FORCEnet will be the Navy's plan to make network-centric warfare an operational reality.²¹⁷



Figure 13. Sea Power 21 Diagram²¹⁸

2. Coordinating Authority

Coordinating authority may be exercised by commanders or individuals at any echelon at or below the level of combatant command. Coordinating authority is the authority delegated to a commander or individual for coordinating specific functions and activities involving forces of two or more Military Departments, two or more joint force components, or two or more forces of the same Service (e.g., joint rear area coordinator exercises coordinating authority for rear area operations among the component commanders). Coordinating authority may be granted and modified through a memorandum of agreement to provide unity of command and unity of effort for operations involving National Guard, Reserve

²¹⁷ Department of the Navy. *Sea Power 21*. Naval Warfare Development Command. http://www.nwdc.navy.mil/Concepts/Sea_Power_21/Sea_power_21.aspx. June 2007.

²¹⁸ Vern Clark, Admiral, U.S. Navy. *Sea Power 21. Projecting Decisive Joint Capabilities*. Naval Institute Proceedings. October 2002. <http://www.navy.mil/navydata/cno/proceedings.html>. June 2007.

Component (RC), and Active Component forces engaged in interagency activities. The commander or individual has the authority to require consultation between the agencies involved but does not have the authority to compel agreement. It is more applicable to planning and similar activities than to operations. Coordinating authority is not in any way tied to force assignment. Assignment of coordinating authority is based on the missions and capabilities of the commands or organizations involved.²¹⁹

3. Space Authority

The space authority will coordinate space operations, integrate space capabilities, and have primary responsibility for in-theater joint space operations planning. The space authority will normally be supported by a JSST and will coordinate with the component SSTs and/or embedded space operators. It gathers space requirements throughout the joint force. While the space authority may facilitate non-traditional uses of space assets, joint force staffs should utilize the established processes when planning traditional Space Force Enhancement missions — intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; integrated tactical warning and attack assessment; environmental monitoring; communications; and navigation and timing. Following coordination, the space authority provides to the JFC a prioritized list of recommended space requirements based on the joint force objectives.²²⁰

4. Space Coordinating Authority (SCA)

The U.S. Air Force is currently the lead service with regards to space operations and planning. It is for this reason that the CFACC/COMAFFOR is granted the responsibility to serve as the space coordinating authority for a specific theater of operations. The JFC still maintains SCA at the JTF level.

5. Joint Warfighting Space

JWS brings space effects directly to the Joint Force Commander. Joint Warfighting Space will provide the following:

- Dedicated space forces: Expeditionary space and Near Space forces under control of the Joint Forces Commander

²¹⁹ United States. Joint Staff. *Joint Publication 0-2: Unified Action Armed Forces (UNAAF)*. Department of Defense, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office. GL-6.

²²⁰ United States. Joint Staff. *Joint Publication 3-14: Joint Doctrine for Space Operations*. Department of Defense. http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/jel/new_pubs/jp3_14.pdf. Section III-3.

- Responsiveness: Usable capabilities in hours-to-days instead of days-to-weeks-to-months
- Integrated effects: Integrated with Global National Security Space and other theater systems²²¹

6. Space Effects and Space Effects Packages

Space Effects Package example from the Fleet Space Handbook:²²²

SPACE ASSESSMENT:

- Status: SATCOM, GPS, ISR, METOC, Missile Warning
- Space Weather: Geomagnetic activity impact to HF Comm, charge particle impact to SATOPS
- GPS EMI: None reported in Theater
- SATCOM EMI: Service Advisory exists, resolution in progress by NIOSC Space, NCTAMS, and CSG N6
- Space Vulnerabilities: Space debris threat to Space assets, ASAT, GPS/SATCOM jammers, and SATVUL

SPACE OPERATIONS PLAN:

- Space Control
 - Surveillance
 - Monitor debris threat to Space assets and possible Space launches in vicinity of Strike Group operations.
 - Protection
 - Monitoring for potential GPS EMI to assure Position, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) for weapon systems.
 - Monitoring for SATCOM EMI to assure Over the Horizon (OTH) Command and Control (C2).
 - Prevention
 - Employ scheme of maneuver to prevent adversary from monitoring Strike Group operations from overhead.
 - Negation
 - If required, coordinate with DIRSPACEFOR to task.

²²¹ Department of the Air Force. *Operating Concept for Joint Warfighting Space (Draft)*. 13 January 2005. p. 15.

²²² Department of the Navy. Naval Network Warfare Command. *Fleet Space Handbook*. 2007. p. 16.

- Force Enhancement
 - Overhead Non-Imaging Infrared (ONIR) to detect infrared activity in vicinity of the Strike Group.
 - MASINT, task to support the ISR Plan
 - IMINT, task to support the ISR Plan

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